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Hands off Pakistan, U.S. tells Russians
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP) — The United States put the Soviet Union on notice Friday that a decision to permit Soviet and government troops in Afghanistan to pursue Afghan Mujahideen into neighboring Pakistan would cause international repercussions. State Department officials said they have seen no sign the Soviet may be willing to withdraw their military forces from the country.
Alan Romberg, the State Department's deputy spokesman, told reporters an editorial Thursday in the Soviet newspaper *Pravda* gives no "evidence of a concrete change in Soviet policy."
He said references in the editorial to the "lawful right" of the Afghan government to pursue Mujahideen across the Pakistan border "when they are returning to their operational bases abroad" are a cause for alarm.
"We would view with grave concern anything that threatens Pakistan or risks enlarging the war," Romberg said. The editorial suggested the Soviets have exercised restraint by not pursuing Afghan freedom fighters into Pakistan and said the Afghan government "tries to see it that the crisis does not spread wider."
"We're always alert for evidence of Soviet willingness to negotiate a settlement in Afghanistan which will lead to the withdrawal of their troops, a political settlement allowing for the establishment of an independent and nonaligned Afghan government chosen by the Afghan people themselves, and an honorable return of the refugees," Romberg said.
"We would welcome concrete Soviet moves in this direction," he said. "We do not, however, see evidence of a concrete change in the Soviet position as expressed in Friday's *Pravda* editorial."
"I would note that we are hesitant in any case to try to define Soviet policies from this type of article which has clearly generated conflicting interpretations," Romberg said.
The *Pravda* editorial said the way to a political settlement in Afghanistan lies in ending foreign intervention in the country and the negotiation of an agreement between Afghanistan and its neighbors.
The editorial said the objectives of Soviet policy toward Afghanistan are aimed at establishing the country as "a neutral and nonaligned state and as a good neighbor."

MILITARY ACADEMY: Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, seen Saturday inaugurating on behalf of King Fahd, the King Khalid Military Academy of the National Guard at Al-An. Later, Crown Prince Abdullah attended a function given in his honor by the academy.

Polish Sejm votes to suspend siege
WARSAW, Dec. 18 (R) — The Polish Sejm (parliament) Saturday overwhelmingly approved bills opening the way for a suspension of martial law and a package measures to ensure a continued tight grip on security and the economy.
The bills give the council of state, the collective presidency, the authority to suspend and, if necessary, reimpose martial law. A government spokesman said earlier this week the suspension would come into effect Dec. 31.
A bill giving the council of state the right to suspend martial law was passed unanimously. Another easing the restrictions imposed as part of last December's military crackdown and outlining temporary special powers for the period under martial law is lifted completely was passed with nine abstentions.
The complete lifting of military restrictions is not expected for several months and some official sources said it would not take place until halfway through next year.
The Polish authorities have said they were able to ease martial law not because they had controlled the threat of disruption by the underground opposition and because of some signs of an improvement in the crisis-ridden economy.
However, they said the threat from "anti-Socialist internal groups" and from subversion by Western countries, particularly the United States, meant there could be only a suspension of the restrictions at this stage.
The impact of the first bill, which abolishes many restrictive measures, including internment without trial, has been offset by the second, which replaces many of these measures with equally tough government powers.
The relaxations include an end to routine censorship of mail and telephone calls. Most Poles had been discreet on the phone even before martial law in the belief that they might be listened to at any time.
The right of assembly and the right to strike are also restored, and summary court procedures are dropped for all but a few cases.
One Western diplomat who examined the bills said: "The trouble is each of the relaxations is accompanied by a resounding 'but' in the form of a special temporary powers."
For example, the right to strike is brought back, but only within the strict limits of a new trade union bill which sets out a complex arbitration procedure before a strike is legal.
The church, the underground opposition and Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Solidarity union, have all called for an amnesty for those convicted under martial law.

Judge arrested
PEKING, Dec. 18 (AP) — An assistant judge in a Shanghai court has been arrested for threatening judges of another court with a knife to speed up his divorce.
The *New People's Evening News* said the Fengdang Court had begun efforts to mediate in the case of Hsueh Lien-Tung, but he was eager to divorce his wife quickly.
He threatened that if the divorce was not granted by the end of the year, he and his wife would die together, said the paper's Wednesday edition, seen in Peking Friday.
Then, it said, he took a knife into a court office, stuck it in a desk and threatened the judges.

Reagan's hopes on MX plan soar
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — The fate of the controversial MX intercontinental missile appeared improved Saturday sources in the House of Representatives said.
House members, who last week rejected President Reagan's request for funds to build the first five missiles, said privately that they might now support the allocation of funds as long as they were assured no money would be spent until Congress approved a method for basing the missiles.
Reagan will soon name a bipartisan commission to "forge a consensus" in favor of deploying the MX missile.
Reagan hopeful of getting the plan passed, said the commission would be made up of experts from past governments and from the military, who will work with the Pentagon on possible deployment methods.
The president had first proposed the "dense-pack" method, under which the missiles would be placed close together at a Wyoming base. The theory was that an enemy strike on the missiles would provoke retaliation against the other enemy missiles before they hit their target, leaving a substantial number of missiles intact.
But many congressional and defense experts contested the theory, called "fratricide," and Reagan has been forced to reconsider his plans.

PLO, Jordan agree on link-up
BEIRUT, Dec. 18 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat said in a magazine interview published here Saturday agreement has been reached to form a confederation between Jordan and a future Palestinian state.
"We have agreed with our Jordanian brethren that the future relationship between Jordan and Palestine should be confederal," Arafat said in an interview by the independent *Al-Nahar* Arab and International magazine.
He said Jordanian and PLO negotiators were discussing the degree of control the confederal government would have over foreign and defense affairs of the proposed union.
"There are no essential differences between the Jordanian and Palestinian concepts," Arafat said. "A final formula will be signed after the return of King Hussein."
The Jordanian monarch is in the United States, preparing for talks with U.S. President Ronald Reagan slated for Tuesday on the Arab and American plans for an overall Middle East settlement.
The Reagan plan suggested Palestinian self-government in association with Jordan.
Commenting on what the PLO considers as "positive points" in the Reagan plan, Arafat said Reagan was the first American president to state that "the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are occupied territories from which (Israeli) withdrawal should take place."
A second positive point, Arafat said, was Reagan's opposition to the establishment of Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza regions that Israel captured in the 1967 Middle East war.

Sanaa calls for massive aid
SANAA, Dec. 18 (R) — North Yemen needs hundreds of millions of dollars to rebuild areas devastated by Monday's earthquake which made some 400,000 persons homeless, officials said Saturday.
The earthquake, which hit a densely populated region of mountainous Dhamar province southwest of here, killed over 2,000 persons.
More bodies were still to be dug from the ruins of 274 villages and hamlets. Rescuers dug out 49 survivors Friday but were pessimistic Saturday about finding more people still alive under the debris.
Hundreds of army trucks were providing food, water, clothes medicine and blankets to victims who had come down from mountain villages lying up to 2,100 meters above sea level. More than 150 planes have been bringing in relief supplies with doctors, nurses and medical teams.
A United Nations official engaged in the relief work Saturday said more than 7,000 tents were needed. 6,000 had already been received, he said, but there were only a few thousand mattresses compared to the 50,000 needed.
However, there was no shortage of medical supplies, he said.

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Habib mission makes headway
BEIRUT, Dec. 18 (R) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib appeared Saturday to be making headway on his latest mission to the Middle East after Lebanese, Israeli and American officials expressed optimism over talks on an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon.
Interest focused on Friday's Israeli cabinet meeting which was expected to discuss what Israeli sources said was a proposal by Habib that Lebanese-Israeli talks should take place in a neutral country.
Negotiations on the pullout of the Israeli troops which invaded Lebanon in June in a drive against Palestinian commandos have been held up for weeks because Lebanon rejects an Israeli demand that talks be held partly in occupied Jerusalem. Lebanon does not support Israel's contention that occupied Jerusalem is its capital.
Khamenei tops poll
TEHRAN, Dec. 18 (AFP) — Iranian President Hojatoleslam Ali Khamenei won the most votes in elections Dec. 10 to choose the "assembly of experts" to elect a successor to Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini. Iranian newspapers reported Saturday.
Parliamentary Speaker Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani was second and Islamic Revolutionary prosecutor Ayatollah Abdolkarim Mousavi Ardebili finished third.

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Under the auspices of Prince Abdullah

Military academy opened near Riyadh

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (SPA) Prince Abdullah, first deputy prime minister and commander of the National Guard, Saturday opened the new King Khaled Military Academy for the Saudi National Guard at Khaym Al-Aan, north of the capital. Prince Abdullah cut the ribbon and unveiled a memorial plaque, and academy Commander Prince Miteb ibn Abdullah then gave a speech reviewing the Kingdom's prominent role in the Arab and the wider world.

He mentioned the part played by the late King Abdulaziz, founder of the Kingdom, in unifying this great country, and the efforts of King Fahd's government in serving the causes of the Arab and Islamic nations.

The college occupies an area totaling 320 square meters, with a 76 square meters building area. 17,500 square meters allotted for the gardens where there are 22,000 trees of various species and 5,110 square meters for roads inside the academy.

The academy, designed along Islamic lines, will accommodate more than 1,000 people including students, lecturers and instructors. There are three-year courses after which the graduate is given a lieutenant rank, those interested can pursue their higher studies up to the masters degree. The academy is making use of the other institutions' expertise like universities and relevant military establishments to draw its texts.

Buildings comprise a three-story complex for the administration, a mosque that

can accommodate 1,000 people at one time, three language laboratories, library and microfilm section. There will be 75 rooms for accommodating single officers, a similar number for non-commissioned officers, four other buildings to accommodate 104 students each and a 600-seat restaurant, a 28-bed hospital, stadium, a supermarket and other utilities as well.

Prince Miteb ibn Abdullah ibn Abdul Aziz, the leader of the academy gave a speech during the opening ceremony in which he lauded the Kingdom's efforts in developing the National Guard saying that developing the Saudi Arabian forces is one of the aims of the country's leaders who believe that right can best be defended by appropriate might.



Crown Prince Abdullah

Study reveals local products sell quite well on exhibition

JEDDAH, Dec. 18 — "Startling" facts about marketing locally-manufactured goods have been uncovered in a six-month study conducted by the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, according to the latest issue of *Saudi Business*.

The study, to be released in two months, found that citizens scrambled for local products when on exhibition. "They sell well on an exhibition but not on local markets," the study points out.

Officials at the Chamber's Research Department contacted manufacturers who complained that consumers have not been giving enough encouragement to local goods. The consumers claimed that no product is being produced here and that all are imported and some locally labeled.

According to Chamber research department head Hassan Ali Nasser, who is also its deputy secretary, only 70 out of 157 manufacturers here responded to queries.

"Seventy percent of the respondents have no idea at all about marketing, 10 percent have some knowledge, while the remaining 20 percent are somewhat successful," he said.

The successful are those manufacturers of building materials, footstuffs and furniture, but industries such as metallic, electrical and electronics have "never heard" of marketing," Nasser said quoting the study.

The study shows that most investors do not

know about the availability of local raw materials. They instead rely on foreign imports when establishing their industrial concerns, "though sometimes the raw materials required by a factory may be available here," he said.

"The fault is not of the industrialists but the manufacturers who do not attempt to market their goods," Nasser added.

Another disadvantage for the local market is that the Saudi consumer is more import-oriented, making it more difficult for the domestic goods to compete with foreign imports.

The study found that factory managers take unilateral decisions on production regardless of market conditions. Nasser said that factories seldom advertise for their goods to reach the majority of the consumers.

The study set out 32 suggestions "which have immense value to the local industrialists" to promote local industrial goods.

The Chamber also carried out another six-month research on "Management in private hospitals" here.

The survey, carried out following complaints from the public, found that most private hospitals are fully controlled by the owners who have not specialized in the field. It added that arbitrary decisions are taken without consulting the concerned parties.



Hassan Ali Nasser

Kingdom's wheat production rises

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — The Kingdom's production of wheat is expected to reach between 500-600,000 tons next year, thus enabling the Kingdom to achieve self-sufficiency in this commodity.

Production has increased from 3,000 tons in 1977 to 400,000 tons this year. The increase comes as a result of the accomplishment of the development programs on horizontal and vertical levels.

Doctors asked to stay with health ministry

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — Ministry of health announced here Saturday that it is not going to answer doctors' requests to be transferred to other places since such a move conflicts with the royal decree that asks all newly graduated doctors to work for the Health Ministry.

The ministry added in its statement that personal wishes of the doctors and their families are important, but more important is the public interest and priorities have to be respected.

The statement expressed its confidence in the readiness of Saudi doctors to work anywhere since the noble goal is to serve citizens everywhere.

The royal decree obliging doctors to work for the ministry was based on a study prepared by the Civil Service Council and aimed at consolidating the Health Ministry with national expertise.

Air Force graduates to be honored on Dec. 22

RIYADH, Dec. 18 — Deputy Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Abdul Rahman ibn Abdul Aziz next Wednesday will honor the 23rd class of graduates from King Faisal Air Force Academy. *Al-Riyadh* reported Wednesday.

The graduates include pilots and technicians. The prince will watch a parade during which the cadets will fly in formation with their Cessna 172 and other training aircraft and show their skill and ability to assimilate modern technology.

Cancer treatment center considered

JEDDAH, Dec. 18 — The Health Ministry is examining the possibility of establishing a center for the treatment of cancer here. Western Province Health Director Dr. Nazih Hassan Nassif told *Al-Madina*.

Gulf states want import firm

DAMMAM, Dec. 18 (SPA) — The Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture for the Gulf countries has called for an establishment of a Gulf Company to be specialized in imports, providing information, and follow-up on price fluctuations in the international markets.

The Chamber's Secretary-General Kazim Al-Mohaidi called for the adoption of this

proposal to end the Gulf countries.

Gulf commerce ministers at their meeting in Riyadh recently had called for adopting a unified negotiating stand with exporters. Moreover, Mohaidi said another proposal will prevent such firms from circulating company shares before they really start production and achieve some profits.

French minister arrives Monday

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — French Economy and Finance Minister Jacques Delors will arrive here on Monday at the start of a two-day visit to Saudi Arabia. Delors will

meet Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khail to discuss economic issues of mutual interest.

Arab research center directors begin renewable energy sources meeting

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — Directors of Arab research centers concerned with renewable energy sources began a four-day meeting at the Saudi Arabian National Center for Science and Technology (SANCST) here Saturday.

SANCST Chairman Dr. Rida Obaid opened the meeting which has been organized in cooperation with the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO).

The primary objective of the meeting is to coordinate efforts for finding alternative energy sources and promote cooperation among Arab countries.

Stressing the important role of energy in the development process, Dr. Obaid pointed out that solar energy is one of the natural

resources. In his inaugural address, he stressed the need to work in a framework of interaction and common cooperation.

ALECSO's statement was delivered by Muhammad Al-Rifaa who dwelt on the potential outcome of such meetings and highlighted the resources of Arab countries.

"These resources only lack cooperation and planning to achieve self reliance and bring to an end the stage of relying on others," Rifaa told participants.

SANCST Solar Energy Program Director Dr. Bakr Hamza Hushaim was elected chairman of the meeting. Kuwait's Solar Energy Department Director Dr. Ali Al-Sayegh, vice chairman and Jordan's Solar Energy Department Director Dr. Hani Al-Mulqi, secretary general.

Frontier guard course starts today

JEDDAH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — A course on identifying the basic skills and talents required from Frontier Guards begins here Sunday. The course, which lasts three weeks, is organized by the Arab Security Studies and Training Center. A total of 45 personnel, engaged in frontier and coastal corps in Arab

states, will attend the course.

Chairman of the pan-Arab center, Dr. Farouq Murad, will open the course, aimed at acquainting participants with theoretical and practical practices related to frontier guarding, developing the skills of personnel and providing them with all support sciences.

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RIYADH, Dec. 18 — Crown Prince Abdullah, first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, has sent a message of greetings to President Seyni Kountche of Niger on the occasion of his country's national day. The crown prince wished the people of Niger continued progress, prosperity and welfare.

Clinic inaugurated

MAKKAH, (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed inaugurated Saturday the Shifa Clinic here and toured its departments. The event was attended by Acting Makkah Mayor Hamad Al-Shawi, Makkah Commissioner Shaker ibn Hazza and a number of officials.

Medical team arrives

SANAA, (SPA) — A medical team from the Kingdom arrived here Saturday to take delivery of equipment destined for the Baida Hospital in Yemen. The hospital was

built by the Kingdom. The equipment is highly advanced and was supplied and will be installed by a German company at Saudi Arabia's expense.

Arab sports meetings

RIYADH, (SPA) — Treasurers of the Arab Sports Union will begin meetings here Sunday to discuss financial support of sports unions in the Arab world, schedules of sports tournaments and programs for 1983. Youth Welfare President Prince Faisal ibn Fahd will open the two-day meeting.

Water from Makkah

RIYADH, (SPA) — Visitors to the Mosque of the Prophet Muhammad in Madina will soon be able to drink water from the Zamzam well in Makkah, *Al-Madina* reported Saturday. It quoted Sheikh Suleiman ibn Obaid, chairman for the two noble sanctuaries, as saying the water would be brought the 400 kilometers by water-tanker and emptied into refrigerated cisterns.

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Eastern Province has \$28 billion invested in 2,543 industrial plants

DAMMAM, Dec. 18 (SPA) — There are 2,543 plants in the Eastern Province, including the ones under construction, in which \$28 billion are invested, according to a report published recently by the area's Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The plants include 1,183 producing plants involving investments totaling \$15 billion. More than 62,000 workers man the plants.

SR40m S. Province projects ready

ABHA, Dec. 18 (SPA) — Projects to be handed over soon in the Southern Province total SR40 million. They include new clinics at Abha, Bisla, Nijran, Khamis Mushait and Sabaya hospitals. Dr. Abdul Rahim Uqail,

The government has set up an industrial city here covering a three million square meter area that caters for more than 100 plants. Factory owners were given land plots at symbolic rents for their various plants. Another industrial city was established on a 20 million square meter area off Abqiq Road to house some 600 factories.

A third industrial city at Al-Ahsa com-

pletes the area's health affairs director, said that the renovation of all health affairs hospitals in the province has already cost SR12 million. He added that 40 ambulances had been secured recently.

Nuclear energy advocate stresses future needs to Dhahran engineers

Alkhobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, Dec. 18 — Nuclear energy proponent Edgar Steele told a meeting of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) here that nuclear energy is probably the only energy source large enough to handle the world's energy needs by the year 2000.

Steele, a science specialist at Aramco, told his audience of 300 that "there is no topic more maligned or misunderstood than nuclear energy." Nuclear energy research started with the discovery of radioactivity at the turn of the century and not only 40 years ago in the armaments buildup for World War II. "War," said Steele, "is the insanity, not the weapons system."

Since the invention of the steel engine the world has used more and more energy but has not shared it equally. North America alone consumes 36 percent of the world's electricity while two billion people elsewhere get along with none whatever. In a world where prosperity depends on energy, Steele questioned, "where is it written that one part of the world has electricity and another doesn't?"

Steele cited as one example of the pollution associated with conventional fuels the exchange of 3000 cubic miles of air for 140 million tons of sulphur dioxide, and the doubling of these figures if coal is used. Solar

energy, he claimed, can supply only 15 percent of total energy needs, primarily for home heating and cooling, and the processing and drying of foods.

Steele, who got his PhD in analytical chemistry from the University of Virginia in 1957, attempted to answer common criticism of nuclear energy: first the safety of the construction of the plants themselves; second, the issue of waste; and third the problem of plutonium.

Steele brushed aside the question of safety, claiming that "there has never been any fatality in the nuclear business."

On the waste issue, he urged that "if concentrated, the amount of fissionable material, including weapons, could easily fit in this room," as he pointed round the spacious banquet room of the Dhahran International Hotel where he addressed his audience.

With regard to plutonium, however, Steele admitted there is no solution immediately at hand. There is only enough uranium to supply 360 nuclear reactors, a number which would supply the energy needs only North America. The plutonium produced from uranium would go much further. Fear that the plutonium, which is a constituent part of atomic bombs, would fall into the wrong hands led former U.S. President Carter to stop the relevant programs.

prises a large number of factories. Industrialists are granted loans by the Industrial Development Fund varying according to the size of the factory.

In the meantime, the cultivated land area in the Eastern Province, including the irrigated areas in Oatf and Ahsa, totals 160,000 donums. Palm trees in the area add up to more than two million. The incentives provided by the government include half the price of the necessary fertilizers, animal fodder, pumps and other equipment. The state also provides 30 percent of the equipment for poultry and dairy farms and consolidates production and crops by various means. There are more than 1.5 million head of cattle in the area.

The government has set the proper climate for the development of fisheries. As a result of such policy, fish production has increased within the past few years. Fishing was developed and regulated and the Saudi Arabian Fishing Company was set up here.

King Abdul Aziz Port here has been a major economic factor in the area's commercial development and the development of industry. It is the largest port in the area, before Jubail, Ras Tanura and Alkhobar ports.

According to 1981 statistics, 7,688,168 tons of general goods, 3,445,236 tons of cement, 10,814 heads of cattle and 136,089 tons of foodstuffs were transported. The railway between Dammam and Riyadh and the construction of the customs area in Riyadh have saved substantial expenses for the merchants, and that, in turn, has brought about noticeable cuts in the price of consumer goods.

The report also alluded to the great benefits of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu. The chamber of commerce, which was set up in 1951 in a tiny flat, now employs more than 6,000 persons at an imposing new building at King Khaled Street.

Saudia cargo records six times increase

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — Saudia, the Saudi Arabian national carrier, is carrying more than six times as much air cargo as it was five years ago. *Al-Madina* reported.

In the first eight months of this year the airline took on 10,111 tons of freight, compared with only 2,457 tons for the whole of 1977 an increase of 617 percent, the paper said.

Saudia has another 7,570 tons of cargo booked onto its flights from Paris to the Kingdom before the end of this year, it added.

Dogs will help customs agents fight smuggling

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — Customs authorities are introducing dogs to help them in their fight against smuggling, according to *Okaz*.

It quoted a customs official at King Abdul Aziz Airport in Jeddah as saying the airport had contracted to hire ten dogs from the United States to start work there from Jan. 1 next year.

1,135 girls' schools cost SR3.78 billion

RIYADH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — Some 1,135 schools were commissioned by the Directorate General of Girls' Education in various parts of the Kingdom until Oct. 17, 1982. The total cost of the schools amounted to SR3.78 billion. Of the total, 685 buildings for schools have been completed and handed over and study have begun in them.

Thousands visit UPM show

Students, businessmen view latest computer developments

By Jean Grant
Alkhobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, Dec. 18 — "Microcomputers are growing fast. In the future they will be in every home just like radios are now. We needed this exhibit to show people what computers can do," said Amin Al Masry, president of the University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM) Computer Club.

About ten thousand students and businessmen streamed through the exhibit held last week at UPM. At the rate of 200 an hour, computer enthusiasts, and prospective buyers met representatives from 17 companies, pocketed brochures, and tried their hand at computers ranging in price from a Sinclair portable at SR490 to those costing many thousands of Riyals.

The show focused on the home computer. With many blips and beeps, students blasted Space Invaders and got Pac-Man to such graphical fruits on Atari.

More serious-minded visitors plotted chess maneuvers on an Osborn selling at SR7,900 with five software programs. Dozens of shiny red apples dangled over the Apple display where players defended lunar men from gor-gons.

In the UPM Computer Club booth, two of its 45 members played a ping-pong game they had programmed themselves. Player Uwe Rudloff, a senior computer science major,

told *Arab News* the game could also be played via telephone modem linkup.

If the name of the game in computers is software, as a faculty visitor claimed, then high-tech must leap the language barrier to succeed in Saudi Arabia. One of the exhibit's organizers, Prof. Mehmet Caglayan, pointed to the new Arabic software, named "Farabi" after the Muslim scientist. Developed by Saudi Computer Industries, this software is used with very powerful microprocessors.

An other advance in Arabic adaptation of technology is the CPT Arabic/English word processing system. The CPT Arabic keyboard is arranged like a standard Arabic typewriter. The English typewriter equivalent is indicated on the keyboard. One advantage of the CPT system is that it automatically selects the correct form of the Arabic letter, whether initial, medial or final. By so doing, it dramatically increases Arabic typing speed by eliminating the shifting required by the conventional typewriter.

Cromenco is also emphasizing its Arabic market, claimed Nishan Keval, of Realtime Engineering and Data Analysts. "Cromenco developing programming language, word processing, data base management and business applications programs in Arabic."

Students at UPM can access the institutions sophisticated IBM mainframe computer, but have no exposure to other systems, said Caglayan.

Prayer Times

Sunday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	5:28	5:35	5:06	4:57	5:21	5:55
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:18	12:19	11:50	11:37	12:01	12:31
Asr (Afternoon)	3:22	3:18	2:49	2:32	2:57	3:22
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:44	5:38	5:09	4:52	5:17	5:42
Isha (Night)	7:14	7:08	6:39	6:22	6:47	7:12

800 plots to be given in two villages

JEDDAH, Dec. 18 (SPA) — Plannings of Muwaileh and Ashwaq villages, which fall under the jurisdiction of Dhaha Municipality, have been approved, Dhaha Mayor Abbas Hamza Ahmad announced. A total of 800 land plots will be distributed to limited income residents of the two villages, he added.

A committee has been formed to look into applications and distribute plots to the

deserving. The municipality has recently announced names of the second group of deserving, the mayor said. A tender has been issued for water, sewage and storm-water drainage networks for Dhaha, Ahmad added. A SR200,000 contract also was awarded recently for planting trees in the streets of the town, he said.

Meat and vegetable markets in Dhaha and Muwaileh had been leased, he said.

Married students to get monthly payment

JEDDAH, Dec. 18 — Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter has agreed to pay a monthly SR1,000 to every married student at the Kingdom's intermediate colleges and science and mathematics centers, *Al-Madina* reported.

To qualify for the indemnity, the applicant

must be a full-time student other than those housed by the ministry or by any government department he works at. He must produce evidence that his wife resides with him in the city where he studies. The indemnity will be paid in two instalments every six months.

Education ministry to send 141 teachers abroad

DAMMAM, Dec. 18 — The Education Ministry has drawn up a list of 141 teachers for sponsorship abroad during academic year 1983/84, *Al-Madina* reported.

The Eastern Province Education Department will provide 53 of the required number. The teachers, with at least a three-year

experience in their specific fields will be sent to the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Algeria, Mauritania, Malaysia, the Philippines, Pakistan, Thailand, the Comoro Islands, Nigeria, Niger, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, the Maldives Islands, Bangladesh, Malta and the Republic of China.

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'Glaring gaps remain'

Arafat praises parts of Reagan proposal

BEIRUT, Dec. 18 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat praised parts of U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace plan, but said a number of glaring gaps remained in the proposal.

In an interview published Saturday by *Al Nahar*, Arafat said it was the first time a U.S. president had admitted that the West Bank and Gaza were occupied territories which should be evacuated. He said it was also new for a U.S. president to say that the future of occupied Jerusalem must be negotiated.

But Arafat added that the Reagan plan failed to recognize the PLO, and made no mention of an independent Palestinian State or the right of the Palestinians to their homeland — all of which are fundamental for a final peace settlement, he said. Reagan's plan, which was announced Sept. 2, called for an immediate freeze on Israeli settlements in the occupied territories, followed by a free vote on the question of Palestinian autonomy.

West Bank Arab youth shot dead

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18 (AP) — Israeli security forces shot and killed an 18-year-old Palestinian during a violent anti-Israeli demonstration Saturday in the occupied West Bank city of Nablus, the military command said.

It said the young man was killed and another wounded when a rock-throwing crowd was fired on, a spokesman said. The spokesman did not identify the victim, but said he belonged to "a family of known agitators."

Hussein to meet Reagan Tuesday

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (R) — President Reagan's bid to engineer an overall Middle East peace enters a critical phase next week with the White House visit of Jordan's King Hussein.

The monarch's trip, at the end of a tumultuous year marked by intense diplomatic efforts to end a bloody war in Lebanon, is likely to set the tone of Middle East events in 1983. Administration officials said they did not expect the talks to produce a commitment by the Jordanian leader to join negotiations on self-rule for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, as President Reagan urged Sept. 1. "It would be a mistake to bill this as a make or break meeting," a senior official told reporters.

But the administration does expect to hear from King Hussein that he is making headway in gaining the approval of key Palestinian leaders to engage in comprehensive peace talks. If not, Reagan's planned meetings early in the new year with the leaders of Egypt and Israel may be anti-climactic and his dramatic Sept. 1 peace initiative may well be doomed.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is scheduled to meet Reagan on Jan. 27 and U.S. officials expect Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin later, probably early in Feb-

in the region.

After an interim five-year period during which Israeli authorities would hand over control of internal matters to the inhabitants, the now occupied area would gain full autonomy in association with Jordan. Under the Reagan peace plan, the future of Jerusalem will be negotiated, but on the basis of the indivisibility of the holy city.

Arafat made it clear that he supported the Arab peace plan adopted at the summit in Fez, Morocco, that calls for the setting up of an independent Palestinian state which would then form a confederation with Jordan.

Arafat said the PLO and Jordan had decided that in any future confederation, each state would keep its identity. Questioned on Abu Saleh, a member of the Fatah central council who criticized Arafat over the negotiations with Jordan, the PLO leader said a commission of inquiry was looking into the case.

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Report confirms Soviet brutality

PARIS, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — A French human rights group, the "People's Standing Tribunal", Friday received a report from a French lawyer on the circumstances of the death of a great number of Afghan villagers in Padkhwab-e-Shana, South of Kabul last September in a tunnel.

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America's Vietnam war, with a list of 61 names he said were of people killed in the action. The lawyer said that fragments from rocks from the canal bed had been turned over to the French Defense Ministry for analysis. He added that his report was based on testimony from more than 12 Afghans part of which was already made public two weeks ago by Afghan refugee groups in Pakistan.

In an unrelated development, a senior Afghan Communist Party official said at a press conference at his country's embassy here Friday that no international conference on Afghanistan could possibly be held without the participation of the legal Kabul government.

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INSPECTING GUARD: President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and West German President Karl Carstens, left, are seen inspecting a guard of honor during an official welcoming ceremony for Mubarak during his visit to Bonn recently.

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Six Israeli prison guards injured as visitors riot

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18 (AP) — Six guards were injured when about 350 relatives of Arab security detainees rioted Friday at the prison at Beersheba, Israel television reported.

The riot started when one of the visitors punched a guard in the face during an argument outside the security prisoners ward, the television said. When other guards began pushing the rest of the visitors away, the mob began throwing stones at the guards and chanting anti-Israel slogans, it said.

Israel radio reported that two inmates were

discovered possessing a spade and a watch against prison regulations, and that the authorities had canceled their family visits as punishment. The rest of the security detainees canceled their visits in solidarity with the two, the state radio said.

The television said additional prison authority forces were rushed in and restored order after a few hours. The six injured guards were released after treatment at Uoroka Hospital in Beersheba, the television said.

Syrians building up defense setup

KUWAIT, Dec. 18 (AP) — Syria has dropped many of its economic development projects to be able to concentrate on consolidating anti-Israel defenses, the Syrian information minister was quoted here Saturday as saying.

"We are daily building up our capabilities in preparation for the next battle with the (Israeli) enemy," Iskander Ahmad told the newspaper *Al-Rai Al-Aw* in an interview conducted in Damascus, Syria. He criticized the United States for aiding Israel, disclosing that Syria's losses amounted to 5,000 killed

and \$1 billion worth of warplanes and equipment damaged during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon earlier this year.

Ahmad claimed that the United States was in "collusion with Israel to subdue Lebanon and drag it into the Camp David process." He was referring to the U.S.-arranged Camp David peace drive between Egypt and Israel.

Ahmad said that Syria will reject any efforts by the Palestine Liberation Organization to arrange a Mideast settlement with Israel via the "Jordan option."

Evren, Suharto share similar views

JAKARTA, Dec. 18 (R) — Turkish President Kenan Evren and Indonesian President Suharto held two-hour private talks Saturday on the Middle East, Afghanistan, the Iran-Iraq war and Kampuchea.

State Secretary Lt.-Gen. Sudharmono told reporters the two leaders had "very similar

points of view and positions" on the matters discussed and believed the talks would serve as a good basis for fostering closer relations between their countries. President Evren is on an Asian tour and arrived Friday after visiting China. He attended a state dinner Saturday night. He leaves for Bali Island Sunday and will visit South Korea Monday.

U.S. firm to sell 'copters to Iraq

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP) — Hughes Helicopters Inc. is selling helicopters to Iraq in a \$25 million deal that is stirring controversy in U.S. Congress.

A spokesman for the Los Angeles firm said the helicopters do not have a military task but Sen. Alan Cranston, Democrat-Illinois, who has objected to deals with Iraq before, said, "these helicopters can serve military purposes, either directly or indirectly." Also on the list are Syria, South Yemen, Libya and Cuba.

Robert Mack, director of public affairs for Hughes Helicopters, said the sale was approved by the U.S. Commerce Department.

The Hughes deal is the latest in a series of controversial sales to Iraq. Over the objections of dozens of congressmen, the Commerce Department issued export licenses to the Lockheed Corp. in May to sell six L-100 cargo planes. The L-100 is the civilian version of the C-130 military.

In September, the Commerce Department issued a license for the sale of six jet planes,

designed to carry eight to 10 persons each.

Several legislators protested in a letter to President Ronald Reagan. They said the sale broke a promise by Powell Moore, an assistant secretary of state to discuss significant sales to Iraq with members of Congress in advance.

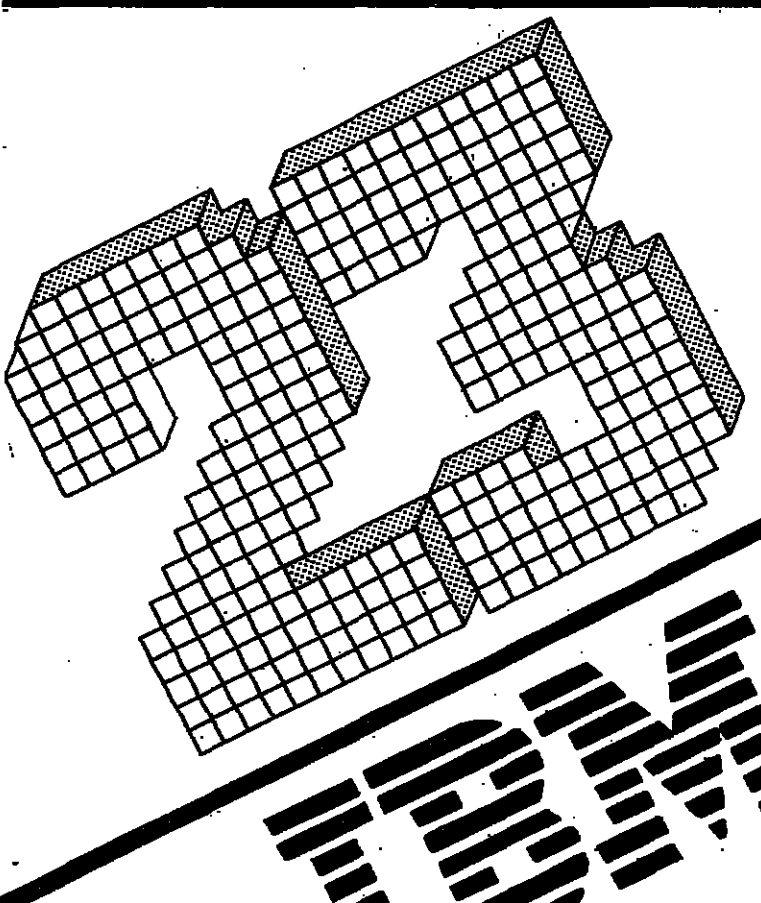
Dixon said he had received no response.

Turkey arrests

41 militants

ANKARA, Dec. 18 (R) — Turkish forces have arrested 41 members of a Communist militant group and seized guns, grenades and explosives in two areas of western Turkey, state television reported Friday night.

It said martial law authorities in the Marbasa Sea Naval port of Golecek has announced that the 41, alleged to be members of a splinter group of the Turkish Communist Party known as "Tikot Parisan," had been detained in operations around the western provinces of Kocaeli and Zongulak which began in October.



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U.S. announces halt to all Surinam aid

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — The United States announced it was suspending all military and economic aid to Surinam following a military takeover there last week. The aid, in fact, was modest — \$1.5 million.

The gesture, according to a State Department spokesman, was taken pending "an explanation of recent events and of the direction" taken by Surinam's authorities. The U.S. government earlier deplored the public execution in Surinam, a former Dutch colony in South America, of at least 25 persons when the military took over.

Meanwhile, Surinam's Consul-General to Amsterdam, Johan de Vries, resigned Friday in protest against the military coup, bringing to two the number of Surinamese diplomats who have quit since the bloody takeover. Surinam's ambassador to the United Nations, R. Sewaradoss, resigned Thursday.

U.K. disbands V-bombers

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP) — Four of the Royal Air Force's giant delta-winged Vulcan nuclear bombers flew in formation over air bases in the British midlands Friday to mark the disbanding of the last "V-Bomber" squadron.

The flypast by planes from the RAF's No. 44 Bomber Squadron signaled the end of an era in RAF history. The Vulcan is the last of the nuclear bomber force of Valiants, Victors and Vulcans Britain formed in 1957.

No. 44 Squadron was first formed in 1917 during World War I and flew Lancaster heavy bombers during World War II.

The Vulcans carried Britain's first free-fall

Labor official said Friday that an effort to contact one of Surinam's top labor leaders "has proved futile" so far.

Burns Bonadie, the organization's secretary-treasurer, said he wanted Reiner Haakmat, second vice president of the Caribbean Congress and vice president of Surinam's Moeder Bond Labor Movement, to attend a congress meeting Saturday in Barbados.

Top labor leaders in the Commonwealth Caribbean have been called together to discuss what has happened over the past two weeks in that South American country.

Bonadie said earlier he had a report from Surinam indicating that 24 men including union leader Cyril Daal had been executed by the military regime. Daal was head of the Moeder Bond Union Movement and a member of the Caribbean Congress of Labor.

nuclear bomb, the 4,335-kilogram "Blue Danube." But they never dropped a bomb in combat until virtually the last days of the plane.

Vulcans from No. 44 Squadron led the first air raid on the Argentine-held Falkland Islands May 1 during the 74-day South Atlantic conflict.

Others were used later in long-range attacks from Ascension Island. The crews had to fly 20,900-kilometers missions, refueling several times in flight, from Ascension Island to the Falklands and back again. One RAF squadron will remain operational flying Vulcan air tankers.

Diana taking William to Australia

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP) — Prince Charles and Princess Diana will leave their six-month-old son, Prince William, at an Australian sheep ranch while they travel around the country next March, a Buckingham Palace spokesman said.

"The Prince and Princess of Wales will journey to other parts of the country from that home base," the spokesman said.

The royal couple decided to take their infant son, second in line to the British throne behind his father, on their five-week tour of

Australia and New Zealand after much discussion. The British press said the 21-year-old princess insisted on taking the baby.

The palace spokesman said the Australian government has chosen a sheep and cattle ranch in the sleepy New South Wales township of Woomargama owned by Melbourne businessman Leonard Darling as the royal hideaway.

William, making his first overseas trip, will remain at the ranch with his nanny, Barbara Barnes.

U.N. moves on Columbus dropped

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 17 (R) — A proposal to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival in the "New World" has been dropped because of unexpected controversy, diplomatic sources said.

The sources said the United States and Canada had joined other countries in a draft resolution that called for a report on United Nations plans for the anniversary, which falls in 1992.

But many other states objected. Some said the Italian navigator's voyage led to the mass killing of native Americans and the obliteration of their culture, and to the slave trade.

Others questioned whether anybody could discover countries where people had been living for 2,000 years. And Ireland and Iceland said that in any event navigators from their countries had arrived in the "New World" long before Columbus.

Voluntary work marks Soviet anniversary

MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (AFP) — Soviet citizens celebrated Saturday the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union by a day of voluntary work.

The so-called Communist Saturday, or "Subotnik," consists of a day of work without pay offered to the state in factories or in local collectives to clean up towns and villages. The Subotnik tradition goes back to April 12, 1919, when a crew of mechanics volunteered to work on their day of rest.

In 1920, Lenin revived the idea on May 1 — Labor Day — by going out to collect wood in the Kremlin with the workers — an example subsequently followed by thousands of other people. The Subotnik was institutionalized in 1969 and takes place each year on the Saturday closest to the anniversary of Lenin's birth on April 22, 1870. This year, it fell on April 17.

The official celebration for the 60th anniversary of the Soviet state will be held next Tuesday under the new Kremlin leadership headed by Yuri Andropov. For the Communist regime, the existence of a "Soviet people" is real enough, but for citizens in the various republics of the union, the concept can be rather different.

Official documents emphasize the unity of this state of 270 million people made up of some 100 ethnic groups or nations, speaking 70-odd languages and having almost as many alphabets.

In practice, however, linguistically or in economic and religious matters, local characteristics often take precedence over "class interests." Thus, while the Communist Party officially acknowledges no cultural pluralism, latent nationalism remains a major problem for the authorities.

The case of Georgia is a typical example. This Black Sea republic of five million inhabitants is reputed for its nationalist tradition and is still resisting efforts to impose Russian as the dominant language. The various attempts to abolish Georgian state language have provoked strong hostile reactions toward Moscow. The last such reaction was in the spring of 1981.

Moreover, within Georgia itself, the Abkhaz people who make up one-eighth of the population resent Georgian predominance, and have asked for their own autonomous republic to be integrated into the Russian republic. The authorities appear to have decided against repression, but the

problem remains.

The government is nevertheless working to generalize the principle of bilingualism with the parallel teaching of Russian and the local national language. Russian is the mother tongue of 130 million people within the union and is spoken by some 215 million Soviet citizens, according to the latest official census.

Knowledge of Russian is essential for one seeking a post of responsibility, and is a key factor in attempts to consolidate the union.

Religion, although not officially repressed, is frowned upon as a source of nationalist feelings.

There are also 50 million Soviet Muslims, living mainly in the five republics of Central Asia. They appear to be successfully resisting the government's "Russification" policies, while mixed marriages are common among Ukraine Muslims and non-Muslims.

The government actively encourages migration of labor in the belief that this will contribute to easing nationalist tensions. Russia and the Ukraine, the most industrialized regions, have a high population of migrant workers.

B-52s 'are safe'

ORXIT AIR FORCE BASE, Nebraska, Dec. 18 (AP) — U.S. Air Force B-52 bombers are safe aircraft despite two crashes during routine training flights, the Strategic Air Command said Friday.

Concern about whether the B-52 is safe enough to be armed with nuclear weapons has been revived since Thursday's crash of one of the aging, eight-engined bombers at Mather Air Force Base in California killed all nine crew members.

Treaty on ozone layer 'still far off'

GENEVA, Dec. 18 (R) — A global treaty to protect the ozone layer in the upper atmosphere, which screens earth from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays, is still far off, experts at a United Nations meeting said here.

There is still too little agreement among experts from more than 20 countries about how seriously gas used to pressurize aerosol cans and high-flying aircraft can harm the ozone layer, they told Reuters. The week-long meeting, ended Friday, will probably

reconvene in mid-April to continue work toward a global treaty on protecting the ozone layer.

Less than one percent of the layer is now believed to have been depleted and participants at the meeting said a five percent depletion level would increase the risk of skin cancer by up to 20 percent.

The Soviet Union, which stayed away from earlier U.N. meetings on the ozone layer, is attending this session for the first time, participants said.

American jailed in car meter case

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP) — A federal judge has imposed a two-month jail term and \$35,000 in fines on a wholesale used-car dealer convicted of fraudulently reducing recorded odometer mileage on vehicles he sold in the United States and abroad.

U.S. District Judge Dudley B. Bonsal issued the sentence Thursday to Irwin Dillenberger, 40, of Alpine, New Jersey, who was convicted of eight fraud counts at a jury trial last Oct. 2.

Dillenberger bought and resold about 5,000 cars a year through Carib Autos Inc. in the Bronx and Transatlantic Trading Co. Ltd., which he operated from his home, said assistant U.S. attorney Frank Maas. Transatlantic shipped cars to dealers in England, Sweden, Norway and the Middle East.

It was brought out at trial that in one instance mileage was reduced from 84,071 to 34,071 on the odometer of a car before it was sold to a Providence, Rhode Island, dealer. It was also established that the odometer mileage on a used car purchased for \$7,080 was reduced from 12,000 to almost zero and shipped under documents indicating it was new to a dealer in Sweden.

S.A. attack alleged

LUANDA, Dec. 18 (AFP) — South African aircraft dropped bombs on a railway station in southern Angola earlier this week, a state security official said. The official said Friday that four Mirage fighter-bombers dropped eight 400 kilogram bombs on the town of Assuncao 130 kilometers east of the port of Namibe, formerly Mocimedeas, early last Tuesday.

There were no victims or damage reported, the official said, and steps had been taken by the local authorities to protect the area.

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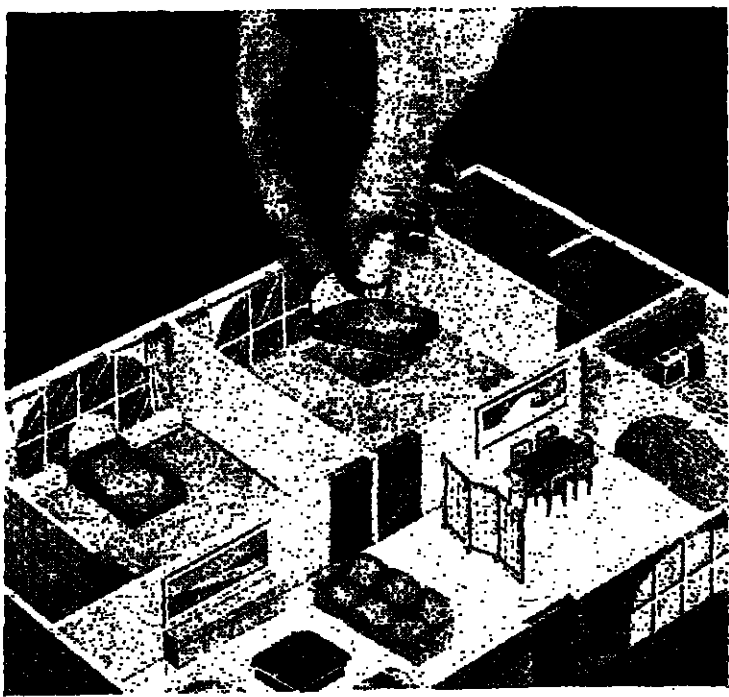
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Gen. Bignone vows to prevent attacks

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — Argentine President Reynaldo Bignone has accepted full responsibility for police action against Thursday's mass anti-government demonstrations and pledged to prevent any attacks on his regime.

At a special cabinet meeting Friday Gen. Bignone said that if police on horseback had not charged the crowd, demonstrators might have attacked government headquarters. The president described the incidents as "grave," and warned that the government must take this week's events very seriously.

It was meanwhile learnt from family and union sources that one of two men reported dead in the rioting in fact died in a fall from building scaffolding at his place of work. This lowered the casualty toll to one dead and several dozen wounded. But authorities said several people were in a serious condition.

Gen. Bignone praised the police who "withstood for almost four hours all kinds of insults and reacted only on orders, when national security was genuinely threatened."

A radical section of the Argentine General Confederation of Trades Unions Friday night

denounced the "arrogance and insensitivity" of the government's repression of the demonstration, and pledged "direct action" if authorities failed to adopt an emergency program in a move toward civilian rule.

The mainstream of the union federation announced meanwhile a day of official mourning for the young man killed in the demonstration, said to have been shot by a plainclothes police officer.

Argentina's political party leaders hailed the mass demonstration as a victory for democracy and condemned police for the violence. In addition to the single fatality, 80 persons were injured and 120 arrested when rioting broke out in front of government house in Buenos Aires' historic Plaza de Mayo Square, police said.

A statement released by the multiparty grouping which organized the demonstration declared: "The march of the people for democracy was a massive display of repudiation for the government and its policies and a call for a return to institutional rule and a solution to the problems facing the nation."

\$4.6m ransom frees woman

ROSMALLEN, Netherlands, Dec. 18 (AP) — The wife of a Dutch businessman kidnapped last month was released Friday night after payment of a ransom of 12.5 million guilders (\$4.6 million), police said.

Mrs. Anthonia van der Valk was freed in good health near the southern Dutch city of Eindhoven after payment of the ransom Thursday morning in the West German city of Trier, according to police in Rosmalen, a village near her home. Trier is about 250

kilometers from Eindhoven. The ransom was delivered along a road on the outskirts of Trier, according to police, who said no contact was made between the deliverer of the ransom, who they refused to identify, and the kidnappers.

A three-nation alert was sounded in the Netherlands, Belgium and West Germany after the woman was kidnapped from her home in the southern Netherlands village of Nuland, on Nov. 30 by a man at gunpoint.

Legislator's house bombed in India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (AFP) — Unknown assailants carried out a bomb attack on the house of state legislator Lakha Singh, a member of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's ruling Congress Party, in the strife-torn Punjab state, it was reported here Friday.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) said no one was hurt in the explosion which took place in the court yard of the house. A similar blast had rocked the house of Punjab state's Education Minister Harchand Singh Ajnala a few weeks ago. There were no casualties. Meanwhile, retired Sikh soldiers rejected

an appeal by Sikh leader Harchand Singh Longowal to join the drive for autonomy for Punjab. "It will be a sad day for ex-servicemen, a disciplined and non-political section of society, if they are corrupted for political purposes," chief of the Punjab's ex-soldiers' association Maj. Gen. Rajes - hwar Singh Sohal said.

In a statement issued in Chandigarh, the capital city of Punjab, the retired general said he had appealed to all former Sikh soldiers to reject the call. "We refuse to be exploited by politicians," he said.

Hoxha alleges ex-premier plotted to kill him

VIENNA, Dec. 18 (R) — The late Albanian Prime Minister Mehmet Shehu, who committed suicide a year ago, was aided by his wife and two interior ministers in years of plotting to kill Communist leader Enver Hoxha, the intended victim said in newly published memoirs.

The day before he died Shehu received orders from the secret service of neighboring Yugoslavia to assassinate Hoxha at a Communist Party Politburo meeting the next day, even if he should lose his own life in doing so, Hoxha wrote.

But the 68-year-old prime minister, feeling trapped and fearing his treachery would at last be discovered, chose instead to kill himself. His wife assented, believing she and their sons would be saved, and the couple's reputation as life-long Communist fighters preserved, Hoxha said.

He made the disclosures in a new 640-page book published in Tirana at the end of last week. An English-language version was made available to Reuters. It was the first authoritative detailed account of the circumstances surrounding Shehu's death, initially officially reported as due to "nervous distress" but subsequently linked with his unmasking as a "multiple foreign agent."

Hoxha said former Interior Minister Fecor Shehu went to the prime minister's home at 10 p.m. on Dec. 16 last year to deliver the Yugoslav order to assassinate the party leader. "Enver Hoxha must be killed at all costs, even in the meeting, even if Mehmet Shehu himself is killed," the message said, according to Hoxha.

The book described Fecor Shehu as "an anti-party element and sworn enemy of



Enver Hoxha

Albania" who had been unmasked after discovery of the prime minister's treason and arrested and handed over to justice organs for investigation. He served as interior minister from March 1980 until January this year, and was previously a deputy minister. Western experts on Albania differ over whether or not he is related to the late premier.

Hoxha, a 74-year-old wartime partisan commander who has ruled the small Balkan state of 2.7 million people for 38 years, also named Fecor Shehu's predecessor as interior minister, Kadri Haz-

biu, as a fellow-conspirator, but did not say whether he too was being held. Hazbiu, 63, occupied the office for 16 years from 1954 until 1980 when he was appointed defense minister. He was replaced last month, but had disappeared from public view since last September.

Hoxha previously announced in a speech last month the arrest of a group of accomplices of Shehu, whom he accused of serving in turn the United States, British, Yugoslav and Soviet security and intelligence services. But this was the first time he identified any name.

Shehu's activity as an agent, dating back 40 years to World War II when he fought as a partisan in Albania against occupying Italian and German troops and even to prewar days, was not discovered earlier because his fellow-conspirators controlled the security services. And the prime minister concealed his treason by never openly opposing party policy, Hoxha said.

The party chief said evidence of Shehu's activity as an enemy agent came from documents found in his safe, and through questioning of his fellow-conspirators now in prison. He had headed the Albanian government since 1954.

Hoxha did not disclose what had happened to Shehu's 63-year-old widow Fpuit, formerly a party central committee member and head of the party school, who he said traveled in April 1981 to Paris where a Yugoslav agent gave her slow-acting poison to administer to the party chief.

The Yugoslavs, alarmed by nationalist riots earlier the same year in the southern province of Kosovo — inhabited mainly

by ethnic Albanians — wanted Hoxha assassinated so as to cause a political upheaval in Albania and to confuse patriotic and revolutionary Albanians in Yugoslavia, he said.

Hoxha said that as early as 1972 the Yugoslav security service and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) separately proposed to Shehu three ways of killing the party leader — through a car accident, shooting by rifle from long range, or delayed-action poison.

Shehu and his wife decided on poison, but when the Yugoslavs demanded immediate action in 1981 the couple were unprepared and afraid. Mrs. Shehu went to Sweden and Denmark for meetings with CIA agents, and persuaded them to agree that the assassination be postponed until March 1982, Hoxha said.

In the meantime, in order to cause public sensation and to split the Communist Party and discredit its leadership, Shehu arranged for one of his sons to become engaged to a girl from a family whose members included six or seven fugitive war criminals, including a notorious CIA agent, Hoxha added.

But the plan failed because the party intervened immediately and the engagement was broken off. Shehu was criticized for his major political mistake and ordered to make a self-criticism at a session of the 13-man Politburo, the party's inner cabinet, the party chief wrote.

It was on the eve of this Politburo meeting that Fecor Shehu delivered the Yugoslav ultimatum to the prime minister to eliminate Hoxha at all costs, the book said.

Novel malaria control

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (AFP) — Indian scientists are studying the possibility of controlling malaria using a species of mosquito which has an appetite for other mosquitoes, but shuns human blood. This unique species could be used as an agent to control the vectors that cause malaria and filariasis, according to scientists of the Vector Control Research Center (VCRC), in Pondicherry, south India.

The species is called *Culex tritaeniorhynchus*, and laboratory studies show that a larva of this type eats an average 157 larvae of other mosquitoes. A VCRC report in the Indian Journal of Medical Research said it could be a potential biological control agent, because it does not feed on man.

Doctors praise artificial heart man

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 18 (AP) — A children's choir outside the intensive care unit serenaded Barney Clark with songs and the artificial heart recipient was reported "moved and apparently strengthened" after learning the world is rooting for his recovery.

Clark was in critical but stable condition Friday. Doctors say his pneumonia appears to be clearing up and his plastic Jarvik-7 heart is functioning normally after Tuesday's emergency operation to repair a broken valve.

Clark's "pioneer toughness" in twice deciding not to die has deeply touched doctors and nurses. Dr. Chase Peterson said Thursday.

Peterson, University of Utah vice president for health sciences, again refused to

speculate on the ultimate prognosis for the 61-year-old retired dentist. But, said Peterson, "we've seen people worse off than Dr. Clark walk out with a full recovery."

On Dec. 2, Clark became the first human to receive a permanent artificial heart. His surgeon, Dr. William C. DeVries, said that when the operation began, Clark was within hours of death from the degenerative disease that destroyed his natural heart.

For the first time Thursday, Clark's wife Una Loy told him of the avid interest in him and his historic heart implant.

"Apparently Dr. Clark had no knowledge of any of this, had not seen it on television and had not been aware of the many telegrams Mrs. Clark had received and the hospital had received for them," Peterson said.

Maclean leaves hospital

MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (AP) — Donald Maclean, the former British diplomat who defected to the Soviet Union, said Friday he was released from a Moscow hospital after several weeks of treatment. "I'm quite all right now. It was nothing too serious and I'm getting ready to go back to work," Maclean told a Western correspondent.

Maclean declined to give details of his illness but said it was a "fairly normal problem" for people of his age.

The former career diplomat fled to the Soviet Union in 1951 with Guy Burgess, now dead, after being tipped that British and U.S. counterintelligence agents were preparing to arrest them for espionage.

Maclean took Soviet citizenship following his defection and now works as an analyst of British foreign policy at a Moscow institute.

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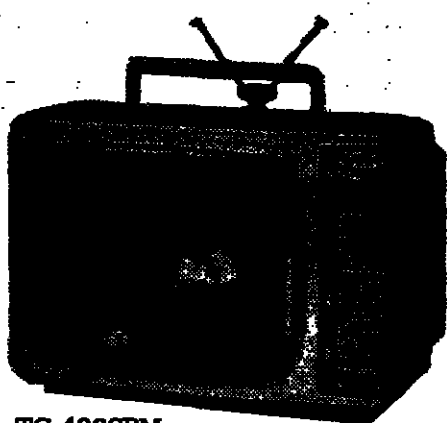
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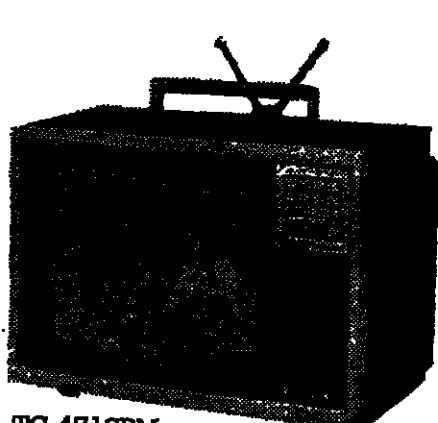
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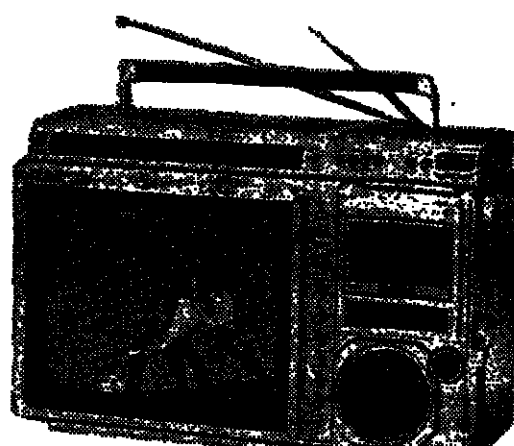
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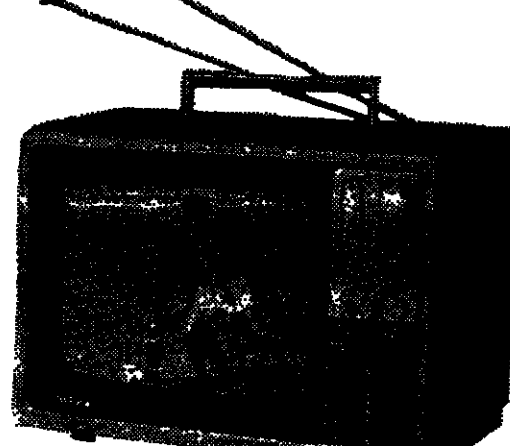
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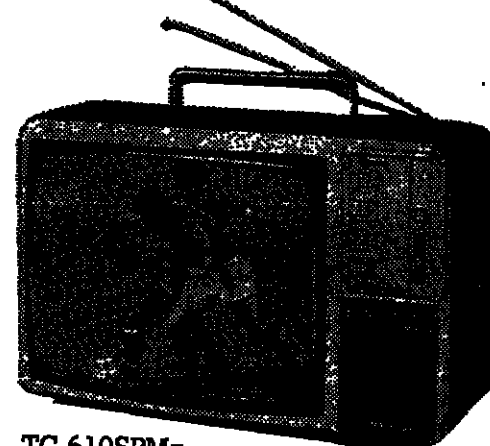
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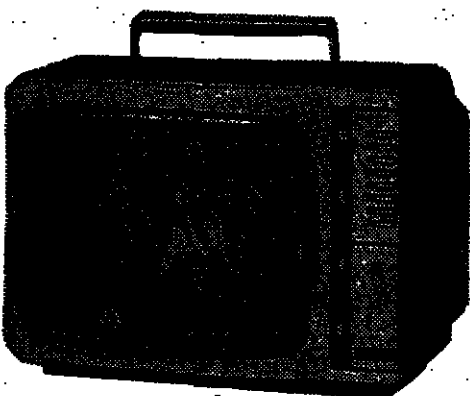
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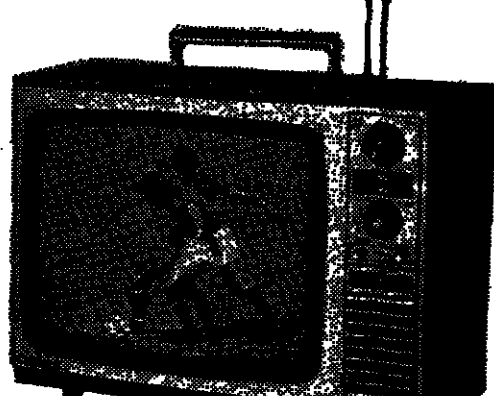
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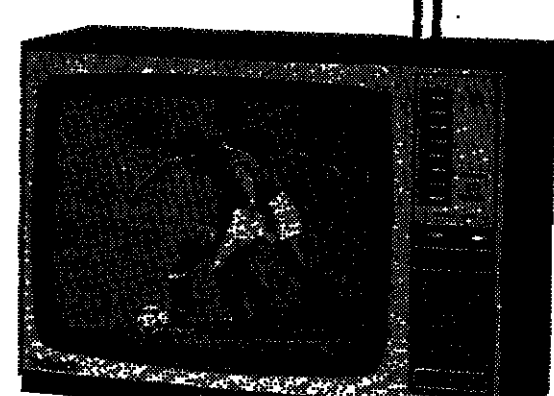
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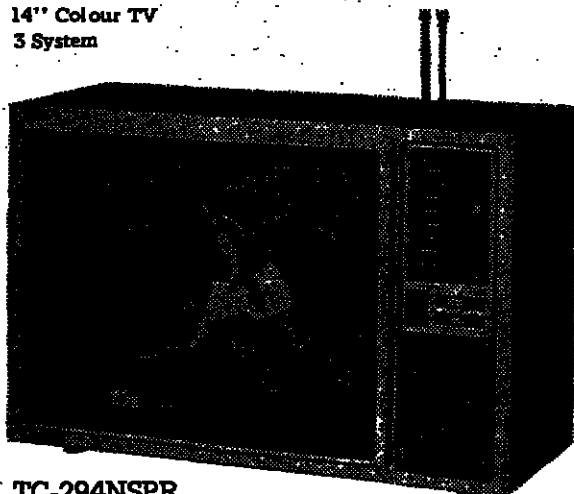
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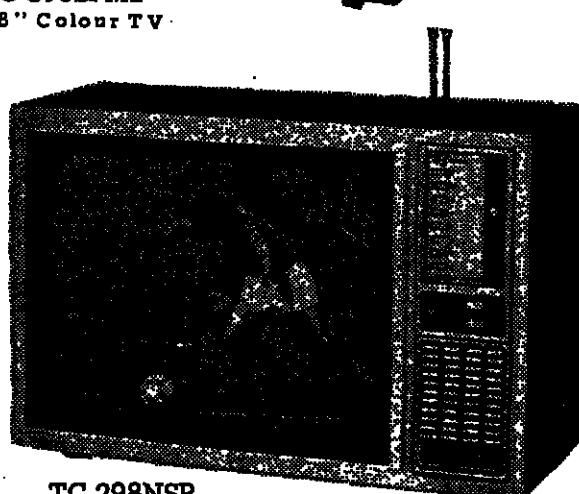
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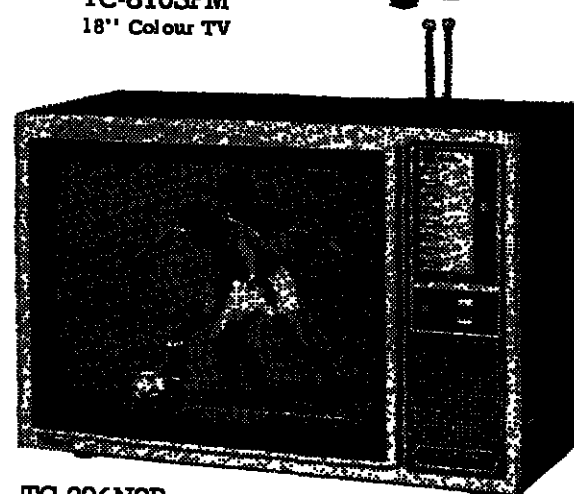
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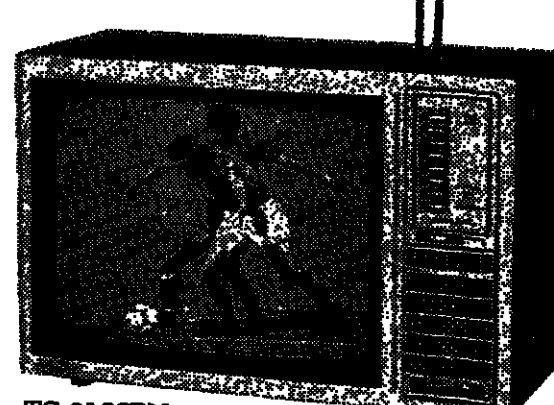
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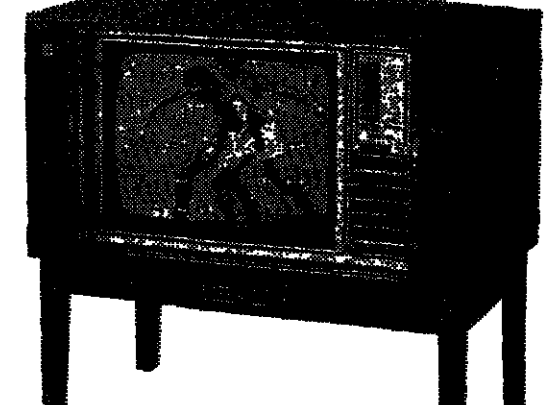
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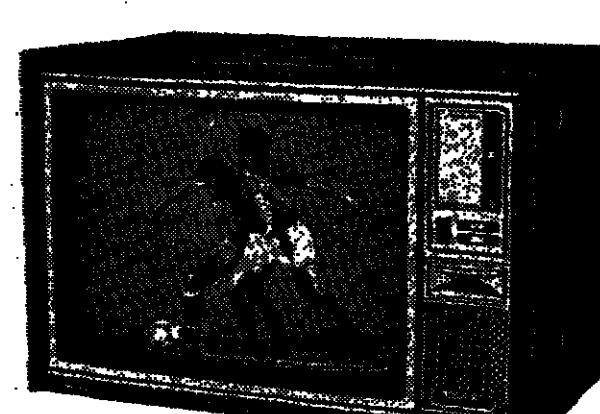
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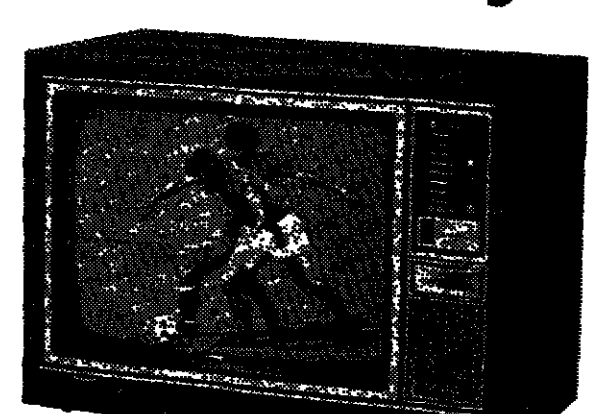
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Lebanon-Egypt axis to confront Begin government plots

By Abdul Karim Abu El-Nasr
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LONDON — Egypt is the foremost among the Arab states having the experience of negotiations with the Israelis. It has also a long experience in its dealing with the Americans and has knowledge of the American policy. The Egyptians, of course, know it well how the U.S. would behave while confronting the Israeli negotiator and what would be limits of "flexibility" and "stiffness" in its interaction with Israel.

According to a well-informed Lebanese source, Lebanon wants to benefit from the Egyptian experience and also intends to coordinate with it in the process of negotiation with Israel. If the negotiations take place under the American supervision, Egypt would be the fourth party but, of course, indirectly, as the Lebanese source said. When Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali visited Washington last month, he placed before Reagan and other American officials a secret Egyptian plan to ensure "border security" between Lebanon and Israel, on the basis of Egypt's experiment in Sinai, i.e., creating a demilitarized zone and stationing multinational forces on the borders between the two countries.

Egypt is prepared to help Lebanon and to coordinate with it, as the Lebanese crisis might open larger scope for Egypt's return to the Arab fold. Meanwhile, an informed Arab source revealed that the Egyptian delegation, which had paid a visit to Beirut, reiterated President Mubarak's keen desire to cooperate with President Gemayel in the evacuation of the Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon. It also told the Lebanese president that Egypt supports America's direct participation in the process of negotiation with Israel. The deleg-

ation further said to him: "We fear that Israel's aim might be to oust America from the negotiations, so that Lebanon remains alone in confrontation. Begin had tried to do so with Sadat, but the latter had rejected the former's offer and had insisted on America's full participation in the negotiations."

In this context, informed sources hold the opinion that some kind of an "axis" now exists between Lebanon and Egypt, with the aim of confronting Begin's plots and cooperating in the ouster of the Israeli troops. These sources further expect that some kind of cooperation might take a clearer shape in the future.

According to information available from reliable Lebanese and American sources, Lebanon refuses to sign a peace treaty with Israel as a "price" for the withdrawal of the latter's forces. Lebanon will never sign such a pact unless other Arab states, also concerned with the Israeli conflict, sign it.

In the negotiations, Lebanon will hold fast to the 1949 truce, as it guarantees its international borders. It will, however, be prepared to sign an accord for an end to the state of war with Israel, if such a measure leads to the pullout of the Israeli troops from the Lebanese territory.

Furthermore, Lebanon would be prepared to study all formulas that would guarantee a restraint on the use of its territory as a base for any activity against the neighboring states, no matter whether it is Syria or Israel or any other state. But Lebanon would refuse to see the presence of any Israeli soldier on its territory to "ensure" Israel's security. Lebanon would also refuse the Israeli proposal for the establishment of early warning stations in the south and in Shouf, under Israeli surveillance. It would, however, be ready to accept the establishment of such stations under the supervision of Euro-American forces, to ensure the security of the

neighboring states.

Lebanon would further refuse to link the Israeli pullout to the "normalization" of relations with Israel, as Begin urges. America, on its part, would endorse the establishment of normal relations between Lebanon and Israel in the long term, but would refuse to link it to the withdrawal of the Israeli forces.

In these circumstances, Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem visited London, Paris and Washington. In London, he met with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Foreign Secretary Francis Pym, and leaders of political parties, headed by Michael Foot, leader of the opposition Labor Party. In Paris, he held a meeting with Claude Cheysson, minister of foreign relations, and also with several American officials in Washington. He was in the British capital this week and met with U.S. Secretary of State Shultz.

According to a Lebanese source, Salem's tour aims at enlisting European political support for Lebanon's efforts in evacuating the Israeli forces from Lebanon. Lebanese diplomats feel that if America can exercise big pressure on Israel, Arab and European forces must be mobilized to impress upon Washington to show its continued concern for Lebanon.

Meanwhile, British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym is reported to have promised to stress the importance of finding a solution to the Lebanese crisis during his meeting with Shultz in Brussels. Salem, on his part, had raised the subject of dispatching British troops to Lebanon and increasing the strength of French troops there. But, apparently, this would take place only after the pullout of the Israeli troops.

Israel is perplexed with all these developments; it has not kept its opposition to American involve-

ment a secret, nor has it concealed its resentment over the Egyptian move. Israel is countering all this by creating sectarian discord between the Druze and the Christians in Shouf and Mount Lebanon. Serious developments have taken place during the past few days as a large number of people have been either killed or injured on both the sides. Some people, however, fear that the "deportation" of Druze from the Christian areas and vice versa might take place, with a view to perhaps paving the way for the division of Lebanon into sectarian entities in accordance with the Israeli plots.

In order to confront the deteriorating security situation, President Gemayel has selected a new commander for the army, Col. Ibrahim Tanous. He also appointed a new director general for public security, Zahi Bustani, and a new director general for internal security forces, Hisham Al-Shaar. These appointments are significant inasmuch as the new incumbents are close to the "Lebanese forces" which have been closely linked to the late Bashir Gemayel.

The security situation being faced by the new officials at various levels is serious. Sh'ar himself noticed this when he went to Tripoli last week to stop clashes between the pro-Syrian forces and their adversaries seemingly supported by some Palestinian elements. So far, nearly 50 persons have been killed and more than 100 injured, while the Lebanese efforts have not been successful in putting an end to these clashes.

Meanwhile, the Lebanese government is convinced that it cannot cope with these matters so long as the Israeli troops are stationed in Lebanon. As such, negotiation between Lebanon and Israel under the U.S. auspices would be the "basic battle" providing a prelude to the salvation of this country. (Concluded)

Despite NATO rifts, it's business as usual, Luns says

By Ian Mather

BRUSSELS — "It was roses, roses all the way," said NATO's Secretary-General Joseph Luns, summing up a meeting of NATO foreign ministers here last week.

However, with the first Cruise missiles due to arrive in a number of European countries in just a year, observers of the state of the alliance could not help noticing that a large number of thorns were causing considerable discomfort to those managing NATO affairs. Luns was expressing a general satisfaction that NATO's foreign ministers, some of whom had not met before, had got on well personally, and that the outcome of the meetings was a strong desire to restore détente with the Eastern Bloc.

Rarely, however, has a NATO communique been so bespattered with foot-notes indicating dissension and reservation as was the one issued at the

weekend. Spain, a new member, announced it was "reserving its position" on the whole of the lengthy document, which covered a wide range of issues and included a reaffirmation of the NATO decision to deploy the Cruise and Pershing missiles.

Fernando Moran, the foreign minister, said the new Spanish Socialist Government was "freezing" the process of integrating Spain's armed forces into NATO's military system and would hold a referendum on whether or not Spain should remain a member.

Greece, which also has a Socialist government, expressed reservations about the decision to deploy the new missiles. It also refused to accept "strong evidence" of the use of chemical weapons in South-East Asia, implicating Russia, and dissociated itself from the NATO line on East-West relations and on events in Poland.

Greek relations with its NATO "ally" Turkey have hit rock bottom. A week earlier, the two coun-

tries held up a NATO meeting of defense ministers here for two hours while their representatives harangued each other over their territorial disputes in the Aegean Sea. Photographs in the foyer of NATO headquarters contrasting the quality of life in NATO and Warsaw Pact countries have had to be very carefully presented. Those on the subject of trade unionism, for instance, showing Lech Walesa on the Warsaw Pact side and a gathering of strikers on the "free" NATO side are accompanied by the vague sentence: "People without NATO find their access to new ideas a little more limited."

No direct contrast over the rights of unions was possible because of the imprisonment of trade unionists in Turkey, which remains a military dictatorship, undermining NATO's stated role as an alliance based on the ideals and values of democracy. Two NATO foreign ministers had to explain rebuffs from their legislatures over new nuclear weapons. Denmark last week suspended its pay-

ments to NATO's joint fund set up to meet the "infrastructure" costs of installing Cruise and Pershing missiles. A week earlier, Norway avoided taking a similar step when a motion in its parliament was defeated by a solitary vote.

The American secretary of state, George Shultz, attending his first NATO meeting, was forced to explain a decision of the U.S. Congress earlier in the week to withhold some funds from the MX missiles program. (ONS)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Dec. 19, the 353rd day of 1982. There are 12 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1796 — French directory refuses further negotiations with Britain.

1842 — United States recognizes independence of Hawaii.

1902 — Germany, Britain and Italy blockade Venezuela.

1934 — Japan denounces Washington treaties of 1922 and 1930.

1942 — British and Indian troops begin advance into Burma in World War II.

1946 — War breaks out in Indochina as troops under Ho Chi Minh launch widespread attacks against French.

1961 — Goa and two other Portuguese enclaves on India's west coast fall to Indian troops.

1965 — Gen. Charles de Gaulle wins France's presidency. Twenty-eight persons are killed in clashes in Dominican Republic.

1971 — Pakistan's President Muhammad Yahya Khan resigns office after military defeat in fighting with India in East Pakistan.

1972 — Apollo 17 spacecraft splashes down on target in Pacific Ocean, concluding U.S. Apollo program of landing men on the moon.

1981 — Polish government discloses that criminal actions are being instigated against union activists who advocate strikes in protest of martial law.

Thought for today:

Eating words has never given me indigestion — Sir Winston Churchill, British statesman (1874-1965).

NEW POLISH MEASURES

The Polish people and parliament are now grappling with proposals for the formulation of new measures which will take effect at the end of this month when martial law will be "suspended" and "temporary measures" enacted which will "ensure a tight grip on security and the economy."

Such a statement seems to indicate more of the same type of life for the Polish people and that the Polish parliament has ceased to consider the needs of the individual and only work toward the promulgation of communism.

There is a fine line between the official definition of "martial law" and "interim regulations," and that line appears to indicate in many cases the difference between freedom and enslavement.

The new regulations now being proposed may actually be "new," but there could be only a slight difference or in reality no difference from martial law regulations which have been in effect for a year now.

This opinion is strengthened by the "kidnapping" of Solidarity trade union leader Lech Walesa, who, according to his own accounts, was prevented from addressing a public rally and was pressured to join the Polish Movement for National Renaissance (PRON).

The establishment of such an organization as PRON is obviously an attempt by Polish officials to give the appearance of the existence of a public organization which represents the people, while at the same time controlling their activities with an iron hand.

Stating their essential goals, PRON officials said their aim is to "seek to build understanding between Poles, eliminate barriers to social mistrust, and begin a dialogue with those citizens for whom the homeland represents a supreme value." The organizers also said they favored "moral renewal, socialist renewal and categorically reject attempts to intervene in internal affairs."

In effect, what they are saying, in so many words, is that the future of freedom of any type in Poland appears bleak. The possibility of Poland ever returning to even the freedom its citizens had during acceptance of the Solidarity trade union is slim and Solidarity is now back where it began and will face an even harder battle if it can ever rise again. The new "temporary measures" promise to be every bit as stringent as those enforced during "martial law" and it remains to be seen exactly how temporary or long-lasting they are and what the reaction of the Polish people will be.

Saudi Arabian press review

Al-Jazirah Saturday said the opening of the new King Khaled Military College for the National Guards was another milestone in modernizing and developing the Kingdom's armed forces. It said the formal opening of the college by Crown Prince Abdullah on behalf of King Fahd reflected the devotion of Saudi leaders to the country's prosperity and welfare and their pledge to ensure the development of the Kingdom.

It added that the new college would provide the National Guard forces with modern scientific military knowledge and train them in sophisticated military strategies.

The paper said the Kingdom's care for its military personnel, including the National Guard forces, was not confined to military aspects of their life but also covered special facilities for their families and schemes to improve the fighting ability of the defenders of the homeland.

Al-Nadwa welcomed the opening of the military college and described it as a cultural landmark to prepare well-trained military personnel to "defend the country and counter dangers threatening the whole Arab and Islamic nation."

Al-Riyadh said the new military

academy under the patronage of Crown Prince Abdullah would keep pace with scientific progress in one of the most important and vital sectors. It added that the opening of the academy was in line with the Kingdom's policy of developing the armed forces along modern lines.

Okaz drew the Arab world's attention to Israel's penetration of Latin American countries and urged them to mobilize their resources to "foil Zionist attempts to harm Arab causes."

The paper said the Arabs should impress upon Latin American countries that they would face economic difficulties if they were to be deceived by Israeli lies. It added that the Arab world had enough economic and political influence to confront Israeli moves in Latin America.

Al-Madina deplored the U.S. Senate's decision to increase American aid and loans to Israel and said the American move was an anti-climax to the current efforts to resolve the Arab-Israeli problems. The paper said "such unlimited American help given without reason or justification will help Israel to purchase more destructive weapons and wage more wars." (SPA)

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Letter to the editor

Historical fact

Sir,
One has to thank Mrs. Jeane Kirkpatrick, U.S. envoy to the United Nations, for her "wise" remarks that "neither was poverty of the least developed countries caused by the ravages of the multinational or even by colonialism."

If one reads history, he can find that the British came to India to make a fortune by any means. And after years of stay, they left it as a poor country, pushing it to the Third World. This is a fact of history.

I think Mrs. Kirkpatrick will agree with me.
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But few changes can be expected in the economic field. Some minor adjustments may depend on who replaces Ulloa as economy and finance minister in

the new cabinet, the sources add. The 57-year-old investment banker had held both posts since democracy was restored in Peru 21 months ago after 12 years of military rule.

Schwab, a respected banker and an old friend of President Fernando Belaunde, will probably combine the premiership with the foreign ministry portfolio, the sources say. The cabinet resigned Wednesday to enable the president to name new ministers after Ulloa announced he was leaving the government, ostensibly to campaign for the ruling Popular Action Party before municipal elections next November and presidential elections scheduled in 1985.

But informed political sources said Ulloa quit after Belaunde repeatedly turned down his requests to switch him from the economy to the interior ministry, a job which would have enabled him to try to meet Peru's growing guerrilla challenge. This year 110 persons have died in political violence which has spread from the southern province of Ayacucho.

Belaunde has been reluctant to drag the army into the anti-guerrilla struggle, fearing a repeat of a military coup that toppled his first administration in 1968. In October of that year, a group of left-leaning officers seized power after saying guerrillas had made them aware of the need for radical action

to deal with poverty and social injustice.

But speaking to reporters in Washington Wednesday, Schwab said he believed in joint police-army action to eliminate subversion, most of which has been blamed on a growing Maoist movement called Sendero Luminoso. Political sources said Ulloa had repeatedly made similar proposals, including setting up a joint command to spearhead the struggle. They said Belaunde had refused to appoint Ulloa interior minister in case he gained political capital and mounted a challenge on the presidency in 1985.

Ulloa is reported by friends to have presidential ambitions. He will be 59 when presidential elections are held while Belaunde will be 71. Like most other Latin American nations, Peru is in a dire economic and financial situation. Plunging prices for its main exports have sharply reduced the flow of hard currency into the country, creating a financial crisis which threatens Belaunde's promises to build more roads, jobs, houses and schools.

The government will receive \$800 million less than forecast this year because prices for its principal metal exports, copper and silver, have dropped to their lowest levels for 40 years, according to economy ministry officials. Half the working population is unemployed or under-employed and inflation runs at 65 percent annually. (R)

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With killers piling up in jails

Americans favor capital punishment

By Robert Chessey

WASHINGTON (LOS) — The execution of Charlie Brooks in a Texas state prison this month brings the United States very close to the surge of judicial killings long feared by death penalty abolitionists.

The significance of Brooks' death by lethal injection is that — unlike all but one of the other five men who have been executed since capital punishment began to be restored across the country five years ago — he did not want to die. His execution demonstrated that the complex appeals procedures that can keep people alive on death rows for as long as 10 years can be exhausted, and that appeal court and the U.S. Supreme Court itself are now in the mood to let the ultimate punishment be imposed.

On his final day of life Brooks' appeal was rejected in rapid succession no fewer than seven times — one court ruling twice. The Supreme Court voted 6-3 to let him die, showing a comfortable majority in favor of the death penalty, which may prove decisive in the months ahead, as other appeals work their way through the system.

There are 1,150 convicted killers in the prisons of 37 states awaiting execution, and that number is swollen by about three fresh death penalties a week. If a backlog of immense proportions is to be avoided, the hangings, shootings, gasings, electrocutions and injections will have to start in earnest very shortly, and that is just what Brooks' death makes feasible.

For there is no doubt that the public mood — created by the surge of violent crime that leaves almost no American untouched at least indirectly — is now more firmly in favor of the death penalty than at any time since the doubtful art of opinion polling was applied to such matters. Nearly three out of four Americans favor it, against well under half 15 years ago. Being tough on crime is a potent political platform that means there are very few state governors who would be prepared to exercise clemency.

After Brooks' death, commentators were reminding people of the dreadful fate of his victim rather than the possible inhumanity of his own execution. Brooks and a companion went to a used car lot and asked to test drive a car; the garage insisted that one of its mechanics drove with them, so thwarting their plan to steal it. They therefore drove to a motel, bound the mechanic hand and foot, and shot him through the head.

The two men were tried separately and the companion eventually received a 40-year



MOURNERS: Adrian Brooks (right) drops a handful of earth onto the coffin containing the body of his father, Charlie Brooks, who was executed on Dec. 7 for a 1976 murder.

sentence, from which he might be paroled in six years' time. Since no one established — in court at least — who fired the fatal shot, it is possible the "accomplice" has been executed and the gunman reprieved. Wherein lay the grounds for Brooks' appeals.

It is an individual case history that goes right to the heart of America's capital punishment debate. Since there are a staggering 400 murders a week, and only three death sentences imposed, the system is clearly

highly selective, allowing abolitionists to argue that so capricious and arbitrary a law violates Eighth Amendment guarantees against "cruel and unusual" punishment. How can the nation justify pumping Brooks full of potassium chloride, sodium thiopental and Pavulon when 397 people "get away with murder" each week? they ask.

The present chaotic state of affairs has its roots in the late 1960s, when all executions were halted while the Supreme Court ruled

on then-existing capital punishment laws, which it did in 1972, wiping them all out in one blow. However, it did not rule out the principle of the death penalty and most states went away and rewrote their laws, the vast majority of which are clearly going to satisfy the present Supreme Court.

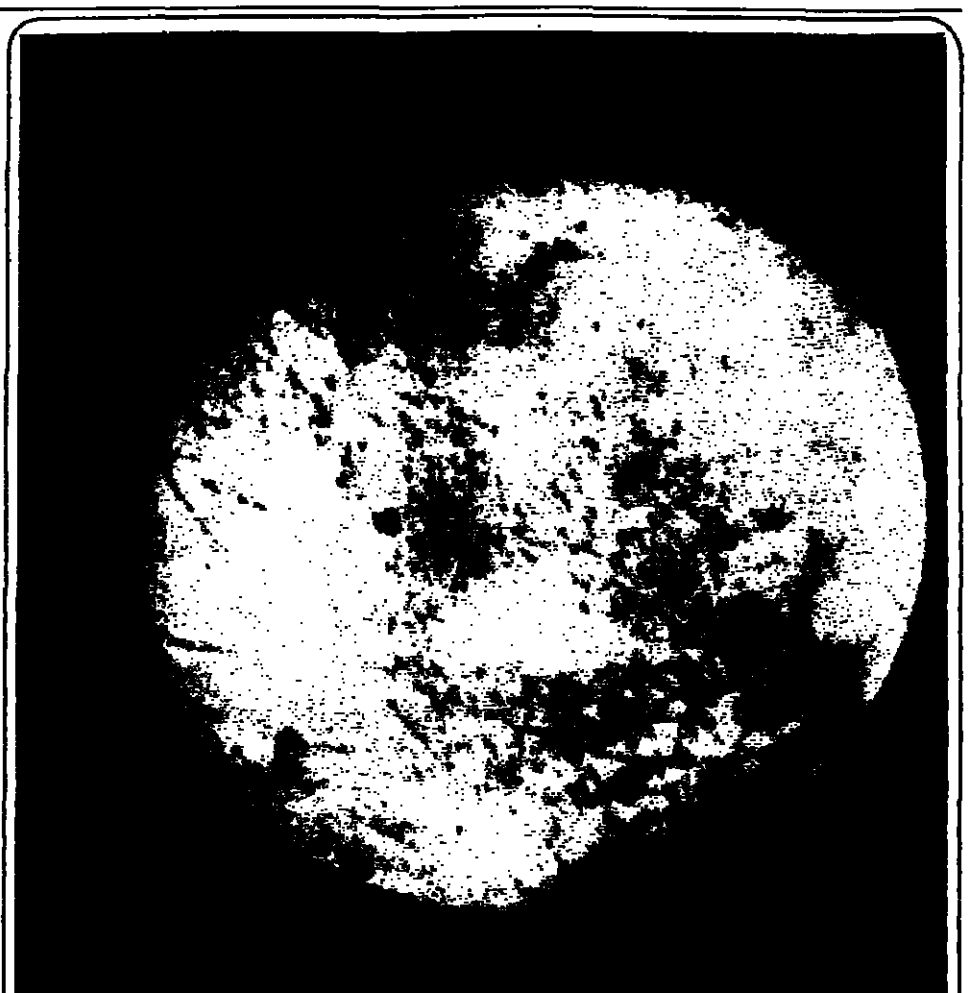
Everyone on death rows in 1972 was spared — including such unattractive characters as Charles Manson and Sirhan Sirhan, who shot Bobby Kennedy. Since then killers have been piling up in jails across the country while the new laws have been subjected to the seemingly endless rounds of appeals that are open to condemned people. Brooks' death indicates that judicial patience has worn out.

The first to feel the effect will be his own former fellow inmates — there are 171 other prisoners on Texas death rows — since it was the Texas law that passed the stringent examination of the appeals procedure. Each state in the last analysis must satisfy the Supreme Court of the constitutionality of its own law. What the abolitionists hope is that, although most members of the public will welcome the "get tough" message from Brooks' execution, they will not have the stomach for the orgy of death now threatened.

The Brooks case raises one other fundamental issue, which is how far doctors should collaborate to put someone to death rather than save life, as they are bound by oath. The fatal injection was not administered by a doctor but by a prison paramedic. However, a prison doctor did examine Brooks to see whether he was a suitable candidate for that form of death.

"He's got plenty of good veins — that's why I went over to see him," said the doctor. (They had to be large enough to accept a catheter needle.) The barbiturates used in the execution were issued from prison medical supplies, and medical technicians involved in the execution were working in part under the doctor's control — all of which draws a pretty thin line between the doctor and direct involvement.

Brooks himself ate a last meal of steak, donned gold trousers and a brown shirt open down the front, and allowed himself to be strapped to a surgical trolley from which tubes snaked away to his executioner hidden behind a curtain. He commended his soul to Allah — he was converted to Islam while in jail — and urged his girl-friend "to be strong." Then, according to witnesses who included four journalists, he "gagged and wheezed" as the deadly potion flowed into the "good veins" of his right arm.



MOON EUROPA: Space scientists believe Europa, the incredibly cold, ice-covered moon of Jupiter, could support some primitive form of life. Europa, seen from the recent Voyager flyby, may have small, temporary oases in its suspected ice-covered oceans, scientists say.

Lunar mystery deepens after decade of research

By Ken Davidson

LA JOLLA, California (LAT) — Pieces of the sky sit in a locked safe here. A decade ago, they were expected to help solve one of history's biggest mysteries. But instead they have raised as many questions as they have settled.

Ten years ago this week astronauts left the moon for the last time, carrying bags of lunar rocks that some thought would answer an ageless question: Where did the solar system come from?

The question is unanswered after a decade of painstaking study of moon rocks from all six successful Apollo missions to the moon from 1969 to 1972. In a sense, moon rocks have made the question more confusing than ever.

Back in the 1960s, scientists such as Harold Urey, a Nobel laureate at the University of California, San Diego, predicted that the moon would turn out to be a kind of cosmic rose-tinted stone, and archaeological, find that was the key to deciphering ancient heroglyphics. Similarly, scientists thought the multibillion-year-old ragged face of the moon was likely to hold secrets of the solar system's earliest days.

"At the time, everyone had the naive idea you were going to be able to push a button and make great discoveries," recalled Dr. James R. Arnold, who controls UC, San Diego's stash of moon rocks.

It did not turn out that way. For one thing, few moon rocks were not nearly as old as scientists had thought they would be. The solar system is believed to be close to 5 billion years old, yet most of the moon rocks were in the 3.7-billion-year range. (A few fragments were 4.6 billion years old.) Also, mountains of scientific analyses of the rocks so far have not explained where the moon itself came from.

The moon rocks have largely put to rest a

once-widely held theory that earth's gravity "caught" the moon as it drifted, like a derelict planet through space. The chemical similarities between the moon rocks and earth samples would be an extraordinary coincidence if this theory were true, most scientists agree.)

The moon rocks also exploded the traditional theory that the planets and moons formed from an accumulation of countless rocks and boulders, which had condensed from an early nebulae or cloud of dust and gases. Calculations supporting that theory indicated that the entire condensation process should have taken a few million years at most. Yet the moon rocks showed the lunar surface had been battered by rocks or meteors much longer than that, about 600 million years.

Since then, space probes have photographed other planets—heavily cratered surfaces. The craters prove that the entire solar system experienced the same blizzard of meteors for hundreds of millions of years.

"The mystery is, why did it take so long for the solar system to form?" Arnold asks. "We're missing something.... There's some aspect of the subject that's eluding us." Arnold thinks the moon will turn out to be a "rosetta stone" after all, but it will take more research than previously suspected.

Meanwhile, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration is parceling out its moon rocks slowly and carefully. A committee scrutinizes each request for samples and most of the rocks have not even been examined.

It has been a fascinating decade for Arnold, a chemist and one of the nation's most distinguished space scientists. Now director of the California Space Institute, he served on NASA's moon rock committee during the early days of lunar landings. He has supervised the study of more than a pound of moon rocks at UC, San Diego.

'Spare-time' guerrillas terrorize West Germans

By Nick Standinger

BONN (AP) — They're known as "spare-time" terrorists, but authorities here now rate the Revolutionary Cells as the most dangerous left-wing guerrilla group in West Germany.

So far the group has proven less deadly than the Baader-Meinhof gang, which terrorized Western Europe for 10 years and was blamed in 30 political killings and a number of kidnappings, bank robberies and bombings. However, security forces are having difficulty cracking the cells because it is thought to operate in small gangs of two to five persons. Only five members of the group have so far been identified, and none has been caught.

What worries West German authorities about the cells is the volume of their activities, often bomb or arson attacks on American military installations or American military housing areas. There have been 60 attacks on Americans, mostly soldiers, or their property this year. On Wednesday, a bomb went off in a car near the military shopping area in Darmstadt, and an American soldier received minor burns and head and leg injuries from the blast. Another soldier was injured Tuesday in one of two other car blasts.

No one has claimed responsibility for the latest attacks. However, federal prosecutor Kert Rehmann said last week that 30 of 285 terrorist incidents this year have been attributed to the Revolutionary Cells, while sympathizers of the Baader-Meinhof gang were believed responsible for 16 others.

Bombing incidents have become "a normal thing," said Horst Herold, an authority on criminology and former chief of the Wiesbaden-based federal criminal office. The emergence of the Revolutionary Cells as the nation's most feared terrorist group follows the arrests last month of three persons believed to be ringleaders in Baader-Meinhof gang. Authorities say the arrests broke the gang's command structure.

Unlike Baader-Meinhof gang members, who spent most of their time in hiding, the report said the cells are made up of "spare-

time terrorists" who lead otherwise normal lives. One of the cells' most publicized and only known fatal attack was the May 11, 1981, shooting to death of Hesse State Economy Minister Heinz-Herbert Kargy.

The cells said in a letter afterward that Kargy's death had been an error. There was no further explanation and no one was ever charged. The five cells members for whom arrest warrants have been issued have not been publicly identified.

The Baader-Meinhof gang is still considered dangerous, and arrest warrants are out for 15 gang members. Lawmen deal the Baader-Meinhof group a crippling blow in November when they arrested alleged ring-leaders Christian Klar, Adelheid Schulz and Brigitte Monhaupt.

The Baader-Meinhof gang was born of student unrest in the late 1960s. The founders were student activist Andreas Baader and journalist Ulrike Meinhof. The group first made headlines in 1968 when Baader, his girlfriend Gudrun Ensslin and two others set a Frankfurt department store on fire in a "protest against capitalism."

In 1972, Baader was caught and sentenced to three years in prison, but escaped two years later when friends overpowered prison guards taking him on an outing to a library. He went underground, joining Miss Meinhof.

"The Red Army faction, encouraged by the actions of the student movement... considers it necessary to propagate armed struggle... to preserve results of the 1967-68 movement. It's a matter of continuing the fight," Miss Meinhof wrote in 1971, explaining the group's anti-capitalist and anti-American stance. Baader and his friends financed their operations by robbing banks and robbing away in high-powered vehicles.

The gang's first major political strike came May 11, 1972, when five bombs went off at the U.S. Army's V Corps headquarters in Frankfurt. A U.S. Army lieutenant colonel was killed and Frankfurt's tallest pre-World War II building was heavily damaged. Two weeks later a car bomb at the Heidelberg headquarters of the U.S. Army killed three American servicemen.

The staff is always right at Soviet holiday resort

By Michael Dobbs

YALTA, Soviet Union, (WP) — "Every Soviet citizen has the right to rest," according to article 41 of the Soviet constitution, the words of which are strung up in large white lettering along the beachfront of this popular Black Sea resort.

Beneath the slogan, several hundred determined vacationers swarm along a dock and onto a boat that will take them up the Crimea's indented coastline. In their haste to get on board, some young men clamber over the boat's railings — triggering a furious harangue from the captain who is standing on an upper deck.

"I'll teach you, you uncultured louts," he

Red China's new heroes

By John Ngai

CANTON, China (R) — Heroes are hard to come by, but not in China which has had two dozen new ones this year — among them a crippled grandmother who helped kill a leopard with her bare hands.

Qi Deying, 67, was gathering herbs with her niece and grandchildren on a mountain in north China's Shanghai province when she was attacked by a two-meter leopard. She caught the animal by the ears, wrestled it to the ground and then helped kill it with her bare hands. Bruised and bleeding, but otherwise none the worse for her ordeal, Mrs. Qi commented later: "When you're cornered the only way out is to fight."

Policewoman Zhou Yi was not that lucky. Heroine she, of course, did become, but only after suffering terrible injuries when she snatched a child from the path of a moving train.

Also among the new official heroes was a third year college student, Zhang Hua, 24, who drowned in a three-meter deep cesspit trying to save a peasant who had fallen in.

The official Communist Party line encourages holding up heroes like Zhang for China's one billion "broad masses" to emulate so they can make greater contributions to society.

Secretary of the Communist Youth League Wang Zhaoqun described Zhang as a person with "high ideals as well as Socialist morality" and called on people to learn from him. But a lively debate is now underway in the official press whether Zhang Hua should have jumped into the tank to save the 69-year-old peasant.

While all letters from readers appearing in official newspapers praised the student's courage and selfless sacrifice, some questioned the logic and value of his death.

"The sacrifice of Zhang Hua, a promising student who would probably have made greater contributions to the country, for an old peasant was like exchanging gold nuggets for a bag of stones," one letter signed "Loquacious" said.

Another suggested that though helping a person in distress was one of the better human traits, a man should think before he leaps. "If I knew I couldn't swim I would not have jumped into that tank."

screams "If you think you can jump the line, you've got another thing coming. A boat like this is too good for yafs like you."

The captain's ranting, which continues for a good five minutes, divides the crowd. Some grin in amusement. A few resent being yelled at and start to argue back. The majority seem to accept the need for a "strong hand" to bully them into line, even on vacation.

A holiday Soviet-style is a curious, if halcyon, institution. The Russian word is *otpusk*, which means literally "letting go" — and that certainly forms a major part of what Russians look for in places like Yalta. But there are also constant reminders that they are not here solely for their own good.

"The health of each is the wealth of all" proclaims a slogan on one of Yalta's pebbled beaches — providing the ideological justification for a host of regulations that prescribe exactly what a Soviet vacationer may or may not do.

"In future, I order you to come to breakfast between 8 and 10. It will be better for you and better for us," the hostess at the restaurant of the 3,000-bed, 16-story Yalta Hotel told a couple of Western visitors who showed up late one morning. Her limited English (she probably wanted to say "advise") produced an unfortunate effect — but one that caught the spirit of an establishment where the staff, not the customer, is always right.

At the entrance to the hotel beach, there is a long list of rules written in four languages about bathing in the sea. The first dip, it cautions, should be limited to five minutes — but this can be lengthened gradually to 20 minutes on subsequent days must anyone swim after meals.

The passion for regulation reaches its peak in the sanatoriums and convalescent homes that are dotted along the coast. Here white-robed doctors and nurses patrol beaches marked "zones of strict control" prescribing for their patients carefully calculated doses of sun, sea and air. Guests are obliged to stick to a rigid schedule from the time they get up (7 a.m.) to the time they go to bed (11 p.m.).

Leonila Spartesnaya, the chief doctor of the plush Parus Sanatorium explains that

Yalta's climate is uniquely suited to the cure of respiratory and cardiovascular diseases such as tuberculosis and bronchitis. High mountains shield the coastline from the harsh north winds and the sea air is rich in all kinds of minerals.

"Anybody coming to Yalta is likely to feel better after a few days here," she says. "But it's also possible to overdo things — to stay out in the sun too long, for example. For maximum benefit, expert medical supervision is necessary."

The beneficent climate of the Crimea, which juts out into the Black Sea, has long been recognized. The great Russian playwright Anton Chekhov came here to recuperate from tuberculosis — and the last Czar, Nicholas II, built a summer residence just outside Yalta. The late Leonid Brezhnev, who was reported to have heart and lung problems, habitually spent most of August in his villa in nearby Oreanda.

Theoretically, the 13,500 places in Yalta's 28 sanatoriums are reserved for people who can prove they need special treatment. But since "preventive" cures are also recognized, in practice many of the patients are perfectly healthy. A mother of two children interviewed at random at the Parus Sanatorium acknowledged that there was nothing wrong with any member of her family when they were admitted.

As if sensing that this was somehow irregular, she added hastily, "since coming here the children have caught colds — So now they're being treated for that."

Part of the attraction of health resorts for Russians is that they combine pleasant relaxation with the virtuous feeling of obeying orders. In addition to "climate therapy," other cures prescribed by Dr. Spartesnaya include breathing air tinted with peach oil, walking in the woods, massages and sleeping in the open air.

Perhaps the most intriguing cure, however, is "grape therapy." To improve their intake of glucose, patients start off by munching their way through a pound of succulent grapes a day. The dosage is then increased by stages to 10 pounds a day that, Dr. Spartes-

naya insists, is "excellent for the heart muscles."

Vacationing in the Crimea reflects both the good and bad of Soviet life. Sanatoriums and rest homes are heavily subsidized by the state so many working class families end up paying virtually nothing for a two or three-week vacation by the sea. One of the government's proudest boasts is that, while only wealthy aristocrats could afford a holiday in a resort like Yalta before the 1917 Revolution, now anyone can.

With holiday accommodation still relatively scarce, however, there has to be some kind of rationing system. Where previously it was money, now it is *blat* — the Russian word for influence, clout, connections.

The trade unions have responsibility for allocating vacation vouchers. Inevitably, most vouchers go to workers who prove themselves politically reliable or otherwise deserving. They also go to managers or trade union activists themselves. Everybody else — i.e., nine-tenths of the population — has to fend for himself.

August is, of course, a terrible month for the independent vacationer since everything is full. Planes and trains are booked for weeks ahead and even privately rented rooms are scarce. Prices for food on local markets shoot up.

Needless to say, there are ways to beat the system.

An office worker from Moscow described how she had managed to get tickets on the plane down to the Crimea by bribing the girl at the travel office with promises of theater tickets. A store clerk said she had acquired a hotel voucher from one of her customers whom she plied with goods from under the counter.

The easiest method of enjoying a holiday in Yalta, however, is to pay in hard currency as a foreigner. Then everything becomes possible: plane tickets, hotel accommodations, private rooms in overcrowded restaurants, chauffeur-driven limousines.

The paradox is that 65 years after the Revolution the most privileged vacationers here are tourists from the capitalist West.

ALLERGIC RHINITIS



Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Like so many people who thought they suffered from "colds that would not go away," I at last learned that my trouble is allergic rhinitis. My doctor and I have tried all kinds of ways to bring relief, but the allergy persists. Antihistamines sometimes help, but they make me too sleepy. (The medicine is worse than the cure!) I'll appreciate any information on this stubborn condition. — Mrs. Y.

Dear Mrs. Y.: You have company — lots of it. At least 22 million Americans are allergic to inhaled irritants. Allergies are caused by substances called allergens. When you're exposed to these allergens you may develop an allergic reaction — in your case, allergic rhinitis. Here are some common allergens: pollens from weeds, grasses, flowers and trees; from feathers, molds, dander from animals, dust, chemical sprays, foods and food additives. You can come in contact with allergens by way of breathing, touching or eating them. Sensitive areas after allergens produce their inflammation and irritation are the nose, lungs and the stomach and intestines. Sensitivity may develop after repeated exposure to the allergens. The patient with allergic rhinitis develops a runny nose, swollen and itchy eyes, irritated and inflamed throat. Simple treatment would be complete escape from allergens. But this is not possible.

The next best is to lessen exposure: keep the home dust free, destroy mold spores, check on possible allergic foods, stay away from pollen during height of season by staying indoors or putting off a trip

to the country. Air conditioners and other filters help clear the air of allergens. Desensitization often helps. As you see, Mrs. Y., it's a continual battle.

MEDICAL LETTERS

(Replies to and from readers.)

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: My mate is a chronic snorer. I am a light and fussy sleeper and my sleep is suffering. I'm becoming an exhausted wreck. We don't wish to sleep in separate rooms. I continually wake him to ask him to roll over to stop the snoring. Therefore, we keep each other up most of the night. Our relationship is suffering and it may come to an end in divorce unless we get some kind of help. Any suggestions? — Mrs. D.

Dear Mrs. D.: The solution is simple, yet you won't accept it. Unless you're seeking an excuse for divorce, how about sleeping in separate bedrooms?

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: My husband and I are constantly arguing about his chain smoking. I'm worried that the smoke will affect our three-month-old son. My husband insists that "the baby has to get used to it sooner or later." Who's right? — Mrs. P.

Dear Mrs. P.: Of course, you are. Tell him that he's actually inviting frequent colds, bronchitis, even pneumonia — for an innocent infant who would appreciate fresh, unpolluted air. (Tomorrow Don't blame the potato)

By Peter J.

Steincrohn

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U.S. House approves Caribbean trade plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP) — The House of Representatives passed President Ronald Reagan's program for duty-free imports from the Caribbean over the protests of Democrats that it would export jobs even while the president is opposing their job-creating bill.

"This bill takes more jobs away from the American people," Speaker of the House Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. told reporters.

Democrats said they were incensed to be considering the bill in the light of Reagan's threat to veto a stopgap spending measure because it contains the Democratic jobs program that he opposes.

Reagan, in a letter to members, said the bill "represents an approach to development that Americans believe in: Earning one's own way through trade."

Republican Rep. James H. Quillen of Tennessee said that far from costing U.S. workers jobs, the measure "will protect U.S. jobs by reducing an influx of workers from the Caribbean."

The bill was approved 260-141. It is the second half of Reagan's Caribbean Basin Initiative, which the president announced Feb. 24 at a meeting of the Organization of American States.

U.K. bank to aid Argentina

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AFP) — The Bank of England declared that it would support International Monetary Fund efforts to help Argentina overcome its huge debt problems.

And banking circles reported that British banks had finally agreed to extend a new short-term \$100 million loan to Buenos Aires.

Last weekend the *Sunday Mail* newspaper sparked a public furor here with its allegation that British aid to Argentina could be spent on military gear that could be used against Britain in any future conflict over the Falkland Islands.

The British banks responded that their loan would be part of a \$1.1 billion IMF loan that would be accompanied by strict rules ensuring that the money would not be spent for military purposes.

But, still afraid of "bad publicity", the banks told the Bank of England that they needed a public go-ahead from both the cen-

The first part, \$350 million in aid, has been enacted. The trade bill provides duty-free treatment for 12 years on most goods made in 28 Caribbean and Central American countries and territories.

The administration also proposed a tax credit to stimulate U.S. investment in the economically distressed region, but this provision was stripped from the bill by the House Ways and Means Committee.

It was uncertain whether the Senate would act on the bill in the closing days of the lame-duck session of Congress. To qualify for duty-free treatment, 35 percent of any product would have to be from the Caribbean region.

Backers of the bill said about 80 percent of Caribbean exports, not counting petroleum, already enter the United States duty-free.

They said the bill would extend this treatment to an estimated \$800 million to \$1 billion worth of exports, about 10 percent of the region's shipments to the United States.

"We are being asked to sacrifice a pebble of protectionism in order to deliver a mountain of opportunity for the nations of the Caribbean," said Republican Rep. Guy Vander Jagt of Michigan.

tral bank and the government before agreeing to contribute toward the loan.

The government, fearful of public opinion, limited itself to saying merely that it would not oppose British participation in the loan.

The Bank of England said it supported efforts to help Argentina correct its balance of payments deficit, and thereby to re-establish international banking stability.

Lloyds Bank then announced its decision on behalf of the British banks, adding that they would immediately confirm their \$100 million share of the 15-month \$1.1 billion bridging loan being original by the IMF.

This loan is aimed at aiding Argentina over until it can negotiate longer-term loans in return for its commitment to taking austere economic measures to restore the Argentinian balance of payments to health.

Argentina is asking for a four-and-a-half year loan of \$1.5 billion, with payment delayed for three years, to back up another \$2 billion loan from the IMF.

French trade deficit rises to \$985m

PARIS, Dec. 18 (AFP) — France's trade deficit rose to 6.8 billion francs (about \$985 million) last month, compared with 6,300 million francs in October, the foreign trade ministry has announced.

Giving figures corrected for seasonal variations, the department said that imports last month totaled 64.4 billion francs (\$9.2 billion) against exports of 57.6 billion francs (\$8.2 billion).

The coverage ratio of exports to imports was 89 percent, down from 89.9 percent in October. The January-November trade deficit stands at 86.7 billion francs (\$12.4 billion).

Observers said that France's total 1982 trade deficit should not exceed 100 billion francs (about \$14 billion). But this is still sharply higher than last year's 59 billion francs (about \$8.4 billion) deficit.

The monthly deficit peaked at 13.3 billion francs (\$1.9 billion) in June. But last month it was held below \$7 billion francs (\$1 billion) for the second consecutive month.

The relative improvement is, however, more the result of a sluggish increase in imports than a marked rise in exports.

In an interview Friday, Foreign Trade Minister Michael Jobert warned that a country could not "live for long on credit, beyond its means, consuming and not producing."

Laker launches new travel firm

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP) — Sir Freddie Laker, maverick pioneer of cut-rate air travel whose skytrain business collapsed last February, reached for the sky again Friday with a new package tour company he hopes will challenge the big names in the vacation business.

He vowed that one day he'll be back in the aviation business — despite fierce opposition from his old foes, the major holiday operators and the big airlines he once forced to slash their fares.

"We're off and running again," the 59-year-old Laker boasted at a party to announce his new venture, Skytrain Holidays, offering low-price vacations in the United States, Canada and Europe.

Weekly commodities

Fed cutting base rate sends prices soaring

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AFP) — The surprise cut in U.S. interest rates sent commodity market prices higher at first this week, but they lost ground subsequently in rather an erratic fashion in the seasonally quiet market.

The short-lived detention of Lech Walcsa, leader of Poland's trade union, Solidarity, was a push forward as an incentive for some speculative buying toward the end of the week, after Wall Street's sharp mid-week fall had upset metals.

Sterling's relatively stable trend on the foreign exchange precluded much covering against currency fluctuations.

Coffee momentarily touched a new 2-1/2 year high before retreating, copper came close to last week's 13-month high and silver was in sight of its recent two-year peak. The petroleum markets were subdued in front of the weekend OPEC meeting.

Tea auctions remained a firm feature, reaching new four-year highs.

Gold: Irregular. Prices moved up firmly at first on the weakness of the U.S. dollar and the reduction in the U.S. Federal Reserve bank's discount rate. But there was a sharp reaction mid-week in unison with New York, before the final small rally the

"futures" market followed the trend closely, with trading noticeably tailing off as the week progressed.

Copper: Irregular. After early falls following the sharp rise in stocks (up 6,629 tons to 222,500 tons, the highest since May 1979) and the cut in U.S. producer prices, went firmer with gold. But heavy U.S. speculative selling) developed from the same quarters that had previously pushed the market to 13-month highs last week. The final flurry saw values returning to around last Friday's level as U.S. producers re-instated some of their previous price cuts and Inco (Canada) announced it would be basing its selling price from January on the New York spot price plus a five cent premium.

Tin: Barely steady. Influential buying, believed to be connected with Malaysian producers, hoisted prices to their highest for three months in front of the International Tin Council meeting this week. As largely anticipated the council extended present exports controls on producers into the new year (representing a 36 percent cut on normal shipments). Rumors that the council's buffer stock was in financial difficulties caused prices to ease, although buffer stock buying was still evident. Stocks were down

by 225 tons to 32,560 tons.

Lead: Steadier. As prices skimmed along just above recent six-year lows, producer buying appeared and a firm rally developed. Stocks showed little change (down 25 tons at 123,925 tons).

Zinc: Irregularly firmer. Fluctuated in line with other metals at first, before turning a little firmer on news that the EEC had accepted a plan by major European producers to cut output by between 150,000/200,000 tons.

Silver: Erratic. Early falls induced by continuing rising stocks (up 420,000 ounces to 34,760,000 ounces) were quickly erased and prices went sharply higher with gold. But later the market turned back again as New York hesitated, and reports circulated that U.S. stockpile sales may be resumed.

Aluminium: Quieter. Prices held close to last week's levels in somewhat quieter conditions than usual, although there was a burst of activity following German forecasts of a "sharp price recovery in the near future."

Nickel: Easier. Profit-taking quickly developed after last week's firmness following the sharp rise in market stocks (up 348 tons to 4,230 tons, the highest total since January last year).

Ex-Im Bank may trim rates

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP) — The United States is considering cutting the interest rates it charges on loans that induce other countries to buy U.S. products, after long efforts to get other countries to raise the rates they offer.

President William H. Draper III of the government's Export-Import Bank told a news conference Friday that he would try to get other countries, such as France and Britain, to agree to let the rates on such loans float up and down with the cost of loans on the market.

The object, he said, is to eliminate the subsidy in the rates. In recent years governments of other countries have been charging lower rates than they have to pay themselves to borrow the money, with taxpayers paying the difference.

The Export-Import Bank, which in practice finances only exports, lent \$3.5 billion in the year that ended last Sept. 30. It lost about 200 million, but because the amount of loans

has been growing and repayment come from loans made years ago, its flow of cash added 1.2 billion to the U.S. federal government's budget deficit.

Robert Waite, the bank's vice president for public affairs, said that the prospect of lower rates to be offered is based on the assumption that the cost of borrowing money will continue to go down in this country.

At an earlier briefing Draper said the bank is now lending at 10 to 12.4 percent interest, while its most recent borrowing was at 10.5 percent, so that it now giving virtually no subsidy. International negotiations on credit rates are due to start again in the spring, with the hope of a new agreement in May.

Draper announced another measure that could spur U.S. exports: A new system of credit insurance for American farm cooperatives selling grain and other American crops abroad. It will cover \$750 million worth of U.S. exports over the next 12 months.

America to lend Nepal \$12.25m

KATMANDU, Dec. 18 (AP) — The United States signed three separate agreements to provide Nepal with a grant assistance totaling \$12.25 million during 1982-83 fiscal year.

The agreements were signed here by U.S. Ambassador Carleton S. Coon Jr., and finance secretary Karna Dhoj Adhikari of Nepal.

Under the agreements, a sum of \$3.2 million is provided to an integrated rural development project in south Nepal and \$4.8 million to a resources conservation and utilization project of this mountainous country.

And \$4.25 million is also allocated to an integrated rural health and family planning project with an objective directed at the national goals of improving the health and longevity of the majority of people who live in the rural areas.

ACP urges talks on Stabex fund

BRUSSELS, Dec. 18 (AFP) — Ministers of the 63 ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific) countries linked to the European Economic Community under the Lome convention have called for a special joint meeting early next year to discuss the Stabex fund for stabilizing their export revenues.

The call for a joint ACP-EEC conference in March or April came during the three-day ministerial meeting chaired by Industry and Trade Minister Desmond Arrey of Trinidad and Tobago which ended here Thursday.

Norway finds more gas, oil in N. Sea

STAVANGER, Norway, Dec. 18 (AP) — Estimates of recoverable reserves of oil and gas in Norway's large offshore Oseberg field in the North Sea will be considerably upgraded next year, according to the oil directorate here.

The announcement came after field operator Norsk Hydro found more oil and gas in the field's previously untouched Gamma structure.

The areas are owned by Statoil, ELF Aquitaine, Norsk Hydro, Mobil, Saga Petroleum and Total Marine.

source close to the ACP states said Friday. In 1981 the Stabex fund only covered 43 percent of claims by ACP countries amounting to around \$450 million.

The council of ministers also urged for stronger cultural cooperation with the EEC, and they added that autonomous capability in science and technology was an essential element in the strategies for ACP development.

They also demanded that the ordinary ACP/EEC council of ministers meeting in July next year consider alleged discrimination by certain EEC members against students and other ACP nationals, including living conditions and immigration controls.

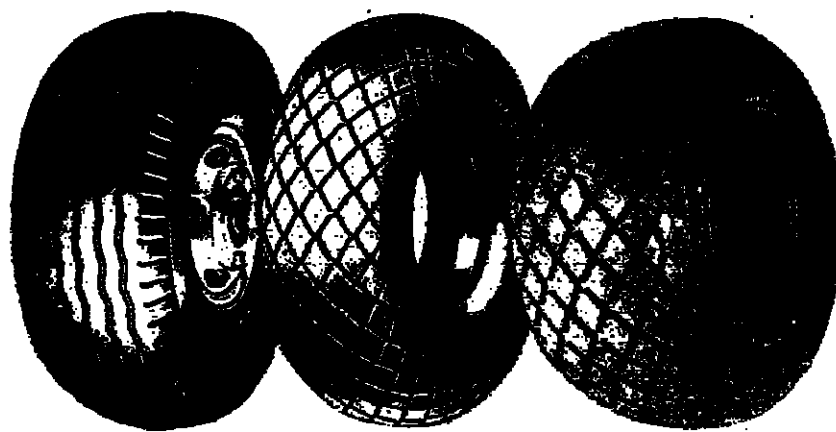
On the sugar market, the ministers asked the EEC for free and effective negotiations on the guaranteed price to ACP countries for the 1983-84 season, taking transport costs fully into account.

The EEC imports up to 1.3 million tons of sugar from ACP members at guaranteed prices. The ACP ministers also asked for the EEC to give additional quotas to new signatories of the sugar agreement.

The ministers also started discussing their future relations with the EEC in the light of negotiations to renew the Lome Pact which will open September, 1983.



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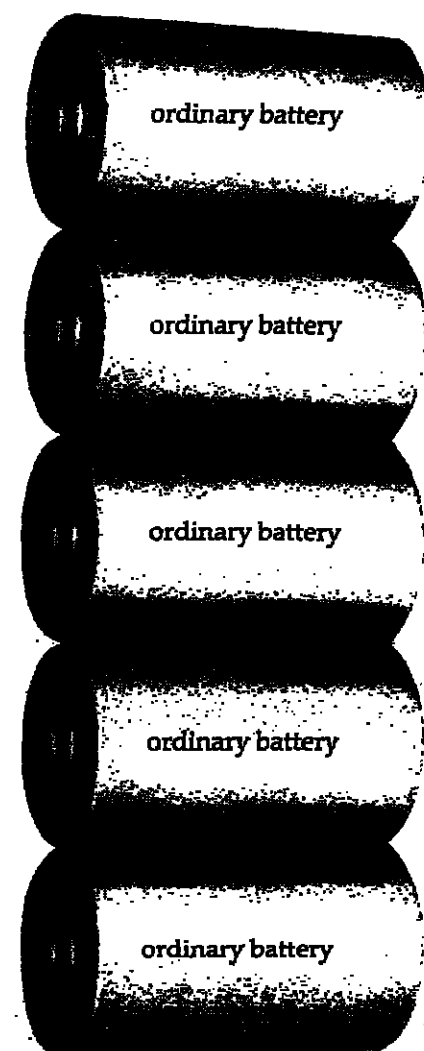
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Sequel to revenue fall

OPEC aid declines to \$ 7.8b

PARIS, Dec. 18 (AFP) — Declining oil revenues and the war in the Gulf have contributed to a decline in official development assistance (ODA) from members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), according to data released here.

OPEC aid dropped last year to its lowest level since 1973, the Development Assistance Committee (DAC), grouping 17 donor countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, said in its annual report.

It said OPEC aid was down to \$7.8 billion last year from \$9.1 billion in 1980, equalling 1.46 percent of OPEC donor countries' gross national product (GNP) against 1.74 percent a year earlier.

This was well below the peak rate of 2.20 percent recorded by OPEC in 1975, in the wake of the quadrupling of oil prices in 1973-74. But it was far better than the performance of the DAC countries, including the United States and Japan. Their overall ODA was down last year to 0.35 percent of GNP, against 0.38 percent in 1980, at \$25.6 billion, against \$28 billion.

It was ten times more in GNP terms than aid from the Soviet Union and its Comecon partners, at about 2.1 billion or 0.14 percent of their "estimated" GNP. The aid of these

countries was almost exclusively directed to Communist countries, the report added.

The DAC report said the "major" factor in the decline in OPEC aid was a sharp, nearly \$700 million, cutback in Iraqi ODA disbursements, which were down to \$143 million. At the same time, Iran, provided aid totaling \$750 million last year, but only \$7 million in 1980, showed a "negative" aid balance last year because it received a net \$150 million in repayments of loans, the report said.

The report said the list of OPEC aid donors was "increasingly limited to the four Gulf countries" which provided 95 percent of OPEC aid last year, up from 85 percent in 1980. Saudi Arabia accounted for \$5.8 billion, which amounted to three-quarters of total OPEC aid.

Soviets ran a 'ghost factory'

MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (R) — A group of Soviet officials ran a "ghost factory" staffed by fictitious workers and cashed in pay and even productivity bonuses for the non-existent labor force, *Pravda* said Saturday.

Reporting one of the biggest corruption scandals ever admitted in the Soviet press, the Communist Party daily said nine officials and technicians, one a party member, had been jailed following a recent trial.

The group informed the authorities that a farm machine renovation factory near Leningrad had gone into operation in 1978 when the shell of the building was not even completed.

For many months the factory managers reported fulfilling production targets and even exceeding them, and nominated ghost workers on their fictitious staff list for bonus payments.

All this time the factory's equipment was lying outside the building and rusting in the rain because the officials made no attempt to have it installed, *Pravda* said. The report said the swindle was uncovered when some who were aware of it wrote to the party central

Senate fails to pass spending bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP) — With much of the American government on the verge of a shutdown, the U.S. Senate was to return to work Saturday on an emergency spending bill that appeared headed for a presidential veto.

After meeting continuously for more than 37 hours, the Senate gave up Friday night and recessed before resuming work Saturday on the measure. Technically much of the government had run out of money after a midnight Friday deadline to pass a new spending bill expired. Approval of the new bill has been held up by disagreement in both chambers of Congress over measures on creating jobs, spending and other matters.

Majority leader Senator Howard H. Baker Jr., Republican-Tennessee, said Friday-night the "burden of fatigue" had become too much for legislators and they should get a

fresh start Saturday.

The Senate completed work on the stopgap bill, congressional negotiators were to meet to iron out differences between the Senate bill and a version passed earlier by the House of Representatives.

The emergency spending bill is necessary because only five of the 13 regular annual appropriations bills needed to keep the American government in business have been passed. Of those five only three have been signed by President Ronald Reagan.

The federal government will have to shut down agencies that run on money from Congress if new spending bills are not approved.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the first non-essential federal employees would be sent home on Tuesday at the earliest. He said the office of management and budget was notifying departments and agencies how they should proceed in the event no spending measure is passed and signed by the president before then.

Despite a move Friday by Senate leaders of Reagan's Republican Party to delete a \$1.2 billion jobs plan, the Senate voted 50-46 to keep the money in. Baker told his colleagues that Reagan would not approve such a package "even on new year eve."

The House measure, meanwhile includes a \$5.4 billion jobs plan, which the president has denounced as special interest politics.

Reagan has said he won't sign any bill that reaches his desk with either jobs package. The American president can veto a bill and it then takes a two-thirds vote in Congress to override the veto.

Tanker mart activity in full swing

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AFP) — Contrary to general expectation, business developed apace this week on the tanker market on the eve of the ministerial meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries this weekend.

The weakness in demand continued for the supertankers (ULCC's and VLCC's — ultra large and very large crude oil carriers) in the Gulf area, but smaller vessels in the 100,000-ton category were in demand.

VLCC's were said to have been fixed out of the area, but no rates were available. Smaller tankers from Iran's Kharg Island were fixed for Western and Far-Eastern destinations.

The U.K./North-West Europe region attracted a lot of attention, too, for inter-European and U.S. discharge. The Black Sea clean oil trade were also popular.

N. Yemen, Russia sign agreement

MANAMA, Dec. 18 (AFP) — North Yemen and the Soviet Union have signed their first economic and technological cooperation agreement, North Yemen Vice Prime Minister for Economic Affairs Hassan Makki said Saturday, the Iraqi INA news agency reported.

In a report monitored here, the agency said that the minister, on his return to Sana'a after a visit of several days to the Soviet Union, said that another agreement on North Yemen road projects had been reached by the two sides.

Makki said that during the visit he gave a message concerning bilateral relations from North Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh to Soviet Communist Party Secretary General Yuri Andropov.

China finds oil

PEKING, Dec. 18 (AFP) — A third oil discovery was recently made in southern China's Beibu Gulf by the French company "Total-Chine" and the South China Sea Oil Company of China, the *People's Daily* reported Saturday.

An official from Total-Chine, a subsidiary of the French oil company Total, described the find as "important and very encouraging."

EEC strikes deal to save seals

BRUSSELS, Dec. 18 (R) — Animal welfare campaigners Saturday won a major victory in their battle to end Canada's annual hunt for baby seals when European Economic Community ministers agreed that their countries would act to halt the import of seal skins.

The agreement, announced by environment ministers after 11 hours of talks, would apply pending an investigation into the yearly cull of baby harp and hooded seals off Newfoundland and Norway.

It fell short of the permanent community-wide legislation sought by the many environmental and animal welfare groups opposed to the hunt.

But the original proposer of a community ban, European parliamentarian Stanley Johnson, told reporters he was very satisfied with the result. The ministers said they would take "all necessary and possible measures within the limits of their national competence" to stop the imports.

Britain's junior environment minister, Giles Shaw, said the decision would effectively block imports of between 90 and 95 percent of seal skin products.

Financial Roundup

Dollar closes on firm note

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 18 — The U.S. dollar closed the week on a stronger note after wavering on the European exchanges on Friday. The release of the latest U.S. weekly money supply figures, showing a \$3.5 billion rise for the M1 series, hardly affected the dollar. This is a larger than expected rise compared to the \$1.8 billion rise for the previous reporting week.

The Federal Reserve's "Fed fund" prime lending rate closed lower at around 8 1/4 percent but few American commercial banks are going ahead and cutting their prime lending rates despite such a move by a small U.S. bank to 10 1/4 percent last week.

The dollar's stronger closing was merely a reflection of the general uncertainties over the value of the various currencies within the European Monetary System (EMS) as well as rumors of devaluation of the French and Belgian francs. Trading volumes were thin, however, and few dealers took and significant position as the year-end book closing was coming near. With no new factors coming into the picture, the U.S. dollar gained on rather directionless profit-taking.

The rise in now housing starts for the U.S. November figures tended to firm the dollar but the major concern is still one of whether the U.S. economy can recover sufficiently fast enough from the present depression. The latest adjusted third quarter 1982 current account figures showed a \$4.25 billion

deficit for the U.S. much higher than had been forecasted.

On the New York exchanges, the German mark slipped back to 2.4160 losing most of its European Friday gains when it reached 2.3960 levels. The Bundesbank did not intervene too aggressively to support the mark. The British pound on the other hand, was affected by the continuing OPEC oil uncertainties and slipped back to 1.6130 from 1.6290 levels in London. Once again the Bank of England did not aggressively support the pound, and British interest rates remained weak.

The French franc, which came under pressure within the EMS system, fell to 6.8600 levels in New York after reaching 6.8200 in Europe on Friday. The Swiss franc was stable at 2.0480 levels while the Japanese yen was also stable at 243.80 levels.

In the local markets, rial deposit levels were steady in thin trading. The week-fixed deposit was quoted around 6 1/4 - 7 1/4 percent. While the one-month JIBOR was quoted at 7 1/4 - 7 3/4 percent but with transactions occurring around the 7 percent levels.

In the longer-dated funds the one-year rate was quoted at 9 - 9 1/4 percent but not much activity was reported there. Spot rial/dollar exchange rates were stable at around 3.4398-05 with some commercial activity being registered later on in the day.

U.K. banks to give Brazil \$ 297m

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AFP) — British banks have finally agreed to make Brazil a 2.5 billion bridging loan sought by Brazil from a consortium of United States, European and Japanese banks to tide it over until it negotiates a bigger medium-term loan.

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Howe heads IMF panel

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP) — Sir Geoffrey Howe, Britain's Conservative chancellor of the exchequer, has been named chairman of the "interim committee" that makes important decisions in the International Monetary Fund. The committee has been taking a key role in the present world monetary crisis.

The fund's two-paragraph announcement Friday gave no details of the selection.

Howe replaces Allan Marachen, who recently gave up the finance ministry in Canada to become secretary of state for external affairs, or foreign minister.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:45 p.m. Saturday

Banknote	Cash	Transfer
Bahamian Dollar	9.10	9.15
Bangladesh Taka	14.25	14.25
Belgian Franc (1,000)	72.65	72.65
Canadian Dollar	27.00	27.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	143.10	142.95
Drachma (100)	129.90	129.75
British Pound (100)	3.25	3.25
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.25	93.70
French Franc (100)	50.65	50.50
Greek Drachma (1,000)	49.00	49.00
Indian Rupee (100)	35.59	35.59
Japanese Yen (100)	6.25	6.25
South Korean Won (10,000)	24.75	24.65
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.15	14.15
Korean Won (100)	9.60	9.60
Kuwaiti Dirham	11.88	11.88
Libyan Dinar (100)	88.10	87.98
Moroccan Dirham (100)	53.90	53.85
Pakistan Rupee (100)	28.10	26.29
Sri Lanka Rupee (100)	38.20	38.20
Saudi Rial (100)	5.58	5.58
Qatari Rial (100)	93.50	94.56
Singapore Dollar (100)	161.45	161.45
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	30.20	27.15
Swiss Franc (100)	169.00	168.90
Syrian Lira (100)	60.25	60.45
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.45	3.44
U.S. Dollar	75.30	75.10
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.30	75.10

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Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closure Date
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Asphalting pavement and lighting of Najran	227	5,000	Jan. 15
Directorate of Health Affairs, Hail Region	Catering for Hail Hospital, 1403-4	—	500	Jan. 8
Interior Ministry, College of Internal Security Forces	Setting up a training hall	—	4,000	Dec. 18
University of Petroleum and Minerals	Maintenance of campus gardens	—	250	Dec. 15
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Supervision of Tabuk beautification project	229	1,000	Jan. 4
	Filling-in of low lying areas in Rafha (Third time)	2/230	500	Jan. 16

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7	Sarmira	Abdallah	Conts/Gen.	13.12.82
8	Al Bandari	Mofarrij	Bagged Barley	17.12.82
12	Maistros	Algezarh	Steel/Rice/Gen.	17.12.82
14	Mizuho Reefer	El Hawi	Bananas	16.12.82
15	Epimenidis	Alasabah	Bagged Barley	14.12.82
17	Nasr	O.C.E.	Tiles	16.12.82
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In second session

India turn the tables on Kiwis

MELBOURNE, Dec. 18 (AFP) — India reached the final of the Esanda (10-nation) Hockey Tournament here Saturday by beating New Zealand 3-2 in a fast and exciting match. They will meet Australia, who beat the Netherlands 2-1.

It was a game of changing fortunes with New Zealand leading 1-0 at half time and India coming back strongly to take control in the second half.

India raised their game after Mohammed Shahid had come on as a substitute for Sayeed Ali immediately after the interval. At that stage India had fallen back and were not moving too well against a stout-hearted New Zealand defence in which Grant McLeod and Robin Wilson were towers of strength. Shahid put new life into the Indian attack and scored the equalizer.

India also profited by another substitution when Mervyn Fernandes replaced Marcellus Gomes. Fernandes began to combine well with Shahid and the New Zealand defence was put under pressure. When they were 2-1 down, New Zealand also made a substitution, taking off Peter Daji and bringing on Mark Burt.

Maunsell admitted that they lost the initiative after taking the lead but added "We were a little unsettled after Stuart Grimshaw took a hard knock on the knee and that was when India scored their second goal." But, he added "I am glad that we are back where we really belong among the top six in the world".

Indian manager Balbir Singh said: "It was a hard game and New Zealand gave us a tough fight but in the end we were a superior driving force and I think we deserved to win."

Many hard knocks were given and received and two Indian players, Jalal-ud-Din and Joaquim Carvalho were shown the yellow card and sent off for temporary suspension while they were off the field New Zealand scored their second goal to bring the score to 2-2.

The game began at a slow pace with both sides searching cautiously for an opening. India forced the first short-corner but nothing came of it. From the 15th minute New Zealand began to look more enterprising and George Carnoudos twice came through sharply on the left.

In the 25th minute New Zealand forced a short-corner when a free-hit taken on the right was stopped in the circle by an Indian defender's foot. Grant McLeod scored with a well-placed shot. But four minutes later New Zealand lost a great chance of increasing their lead when Daji went through the defence only to push the ball weakly into the goalkeeper's pads.

India drew level in the 46th minute when Shahid, moving beautifully on the right scored with a sharp angular shot. Three minutes later Shahid ran fast on the left and back passed to Jalal-ud-Din to put India in the lead. With two Indian players off the field, New Zealand took the score to 2-2 with a great goal by Ramesh Patel, who picked the ball off the goalkeeper's pads after a shot by Peter Miskimin.

But New Zealand's joy was short-lived. Seven minutes before the end, Vineet Kumar converted a short-corner to put India into the final. "It was not the best result for us," Maunsell said. "But it was a fantastic game of hockey."



ALL IN THE GAME: Mike "Dynamite" Dokes (left) puts his arm around Mike Weaver after winning a controversial bout to be crowned the new WBA champ recently in Las Vegas.

Mike Weaver apologizes

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Dec. 18 (AP) — Mike Weaver, who lost his world Boxing Association heavyweight title last week to Michael Dokes, has apologized to the Nevada Athletic Commission for remarks he made after the bout.

In a telegram to commission chairman Sig Rogich, Weaver said he did not mean to imply the commission was involved in any "fix" of the controversial bout. "I did not mean to question the integrity of the Nevada Athletic Commission," the telegram read. "The sudden decision and fact I

was so upset led to my unfortunate remarks."

The title bout ended suddenly when referee Joey Curtis stopped the fight at 1:03 of the first round with Weaver offering no resistance to a swarming attack by Dokes.

Weaver said at a press conference after the bout that he thought promoter Don King and others had conspired to pick a referee who would stop the bout quickly.

In his telegram, Weaver said that "Although I did not agree with the referee's decision," he wanted to offer his "sincerest apology" for the remarks.

As Bridgeman excels

Depleted Bucks rout Bulls

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP) — Milwaukee's Junior Bridgeman came off the bench Friday to score 30 points to lead the Bucks to a 115-93 victory over the Chicago Bulls in the National Basketball Association.

Bridgeman, playing mostly forward for the injury-depleted Bucks, scored 14 of his points in the third quarter when the Bucks put the game away.

Milwaukee's reserve center Alton Lister also had a good game, neutralizing Chicago's inside Gama with six blocked shots and a team-high 10 rebounds.

Dave Cowens, starting a second consecutive game in center for the Bucks in place of the injured Bob Lanier, added "points and hauled down nine rebounds against the taller Bulls." Reggie Theus led the Bulls with 23 points.

In other NBA action, it was Los Angeles 117, New Jersey 106; San Antonio 110, Utah 103; Houston 114, Indiana 107; Philadelphia, 109, New York 95; Washington 119, Detroit 110; and Seattle 93, Kansas City 91. Lakers 117, Nets 106; Jamal Wilkes scored 27 points, 15 in the final quarter, to lead Los Angeles over New Jersey. The Lakers had five other players in double figures, including rookie James Worthy with 21 points.

The Nets, who dropped their third straight game, were led by Darwin Cook with 21 points and Buck Williams with 20. Since joining the NBA, the Nets have now lost 16 of their 19 meetings with the Lakers.

Spurs 110, Jazz 103; Mike Mitchell scored 26 points and San Antonio outscored Utah 10-0 midway through the final quarter to beat the Jazz.

The Spurs' scoring burst followed a 14-0 Jazz streak, led by Ben Pickett's eight points, that closed San Antonio's lead to three points with 9:36 to play. The Spurs had led by 17 points with one minute left in the third quarter.

San Antonio's fourth quarter burst was led by Johnnie Moore and George Gervin, who tossed in four points apiece for a 94-81 margin with 6:30 left.

Rockets 114, Pacers 107; Allen Leavell scored 21 points and had 10 assists to lead Houston over Indiana. The Rockets led by as many as 14 points in the fourth quarter, but the Pacers fought back to within a point, 99-98, on Herb Williams' jumper with 5:05 left.

Two straight baskets by Leavell gave the Rockets some breathing room. But Carter's three-point goal with 56 seconds left cut

the lead to 109-107, but Calvin Murphy's 18-foot jumper off a Leavell feed and Leavell's foul shot with 27 seconds left put the Pacers away.

76ers 109, Knicks 95; Moses Malone scored 26 points and Julius Erving 22 as Philadelphia downed New York for the 76ers' third straight victory.

The Knicks, who topped the Boston Celtics out of a tie for first place with the 76ers in the Atlantic Division Thursday night, led only once in the game, at 2-0. The Knick's Bernard King was high scorer with 30 points, including 15 in the second quarter, while teammate Sly Williams hit a personal season high of 23.

Bulls 119, Pistons 110; Jeff Ruland fired in 24 points and Greg Ballard added 23 to carry Washington over Detroit. Ruland scored 12 of his points in the third quarter, with Ballard adding 11 in the same period to help the Bulls reverse a 59-54 halftime deficit and grab an 83-82 lead going into the final period.

After Detroit took an early fourth-quarter lead at 86-85, Ruland hit a layup with 10 minutes remaining to put the Bulls ahead, 87-86. They never trailed after that.

Sonics 93, Kings 90; Jack Sikma scored 26 points and pulled down a career-high 25 rebounds as Seattle rallied in the second half to edge Kansas City, Seattle, trailing 42-38 at halftime after shooting only 28 percent from the field, was sparked by Sikma, guard Gus Williams and forwards Lonnie Shelton and Greg Kelser after intermission.

Miller's spell puts England on top

HOBBART, Australia Dec. 18 (AFP) — A superb four for 13 in just 15.5 overs by off-spinner Geoff Miller put England in a strong position against Tasmania here Saturday.

His figures at the close of play were the best so far by any member of the touring team in Australia. In bitterly cold conditions he conceded only 40 runs in all 29 of his overs, leaving the state side at six for 187.

Tasmanian captain Roger Woolley won the toss and chose to bat, but Miller broke the back of the Tasmanian innings and among his victims was former England Test batsman Roland Butcher, for a duck.

In Australia's first innings of the Perth Test Miller took four for 70, but skipper Bob Willis has appeared reluctant at times to use the accurate slow bowler.

Of major importance for the touring side

Mountjoy & partner make final

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AFP) — Doug Mountjoy of Wales came out of the shadows to spearhead his team's hard-fought entry into the final of the World Doubles Snooker Championships at Crystal Palace here Friday.

Mountjoy, the Welsh champion, and his partner and fellow-Welshman Terry Griffiths finally overcame world champion Alex Higgins of Northern Ireland and Australia's Eddie Charlton 10-7 in a best of 19 frames semifinal.

Mountjoy had played straight-man to Griffiths in the first two sessions of the match, and admitted a massive loss of confidence, but in Friday's final session it was Griffiths' turn to feel the heat.

Despite, having looked supremely confident in this tournament after beating Higgins in the final of the U.K. Championships at Preston just 13 days ago, Griffiths faltered and it was Mountjoy's turn to hold the team together. But Griffiths still made breaks of 37 and 39 to take the last two frames his side needed to reach the best of 25-frames final and a shot at the 24,000 pounds first prize.

Mountjoy and Griffiths had to sweat it out Friday for more than three hours. They had led 7-3 on Thursday night before Higgins and Charlton began their comeback, to move up to 7-5 by the end of Thursday's final session, and then took the first two frames Friday to level at 7-7.

Mountjoy said: "At 7-7 I was terrified. But he overcame his fear to make a break of 38 to claim the 15th frame 90-45, going into the interval."

Australian champion Charlton praised his partner Higgins, the Manchester-based Ulsterman, saying: "He's playing better now than at any time in his career in my opinion." And he added: "I was disappointed with my contribution."

In the other semifinal, Steve Davis and Tony Meo crushed Jimmy White and Tony Knowles 10-5. They needed only 47 minutes to stretch their 8-4 overnight lead to a winning margin in the best of nineteen frames needle match between four of the British game's bright young stars.

White gave his side hope with a 41 break to put his team ahead in the first frame Friday and they took the frame 65-61, on the black, despite a 39 break by Davis, to cut the deficit to 8-5.

But Meo cleaned up with a break of 58 on the 13th frame, which he and Davis won and then added a fine break of 64 in the 15th frame to book a place in the final.

Mike Bossy nets three

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP) — Mike Bossy snapped the longest goal-scoring drought of his National Hockey League career by collecting three goals Friday night, leading the New York Islanders to a 5-2 decision over the New York Rangers.

In the other match, Jari Kurri scored three goals and had two assists while Wayne Gretzky and Paul Coffey each added a goal and three assists as the Edmonton Oilers routed the New Jersey Devils 10-4.

Miller's spell puts England on top

was the performance of young fast bowler Norman Cowans, who is desperately needed if England is to regain some pride on this tour, after two crushing defeats by Australia. Cowans bowled 17 overs, achieving only the single wicket of opener David Smith in his fifth over but he produced some hostile deliveries after a wildly erratic start.

Australian Test prospect David Booth (46) defied England for just under three hours before dragging a delivery from Miller into his wicket. But it was only the seventh-wicket partnership by Stan Reid (50 not out) and all-rounder Stuart Saunders (42 not out) of 64 in 87 minutes which gave Tasmania's innings some respectability.

Brief scores: Tasmania 187 for 6 (I. Beven 26, D. Boone 46, S. Reid not out 50, S. Saunders not out 42; Cowans 1 for 31, Miller 4 for 40).



TENSE MOMENT: England goalkeeper I. Taylor rushes out to block a short-corner as teammates Barber (left) and Leaman cover the goal during their Esanda Hockey League clash against Australia. The match ended goalless.

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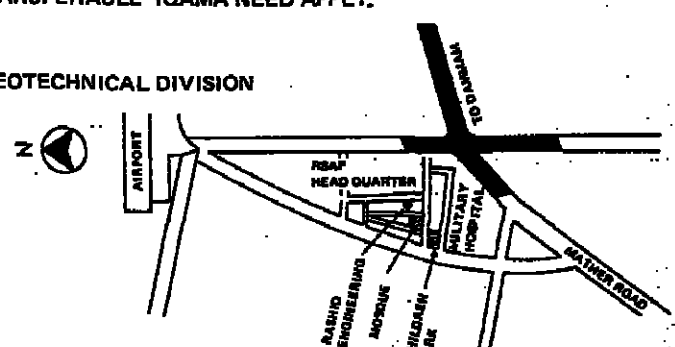
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As Swansea holds United

Early goals boost Liverpool's position

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP) — Liverpool scored three goals in the first 27 minutes and then went on to defeat Aston Villa 4-2 in an English First Division soccer match at Villa Park Saturday. The victory helped Liverpool extend their leadership of the First Division to five points.

Goals from David Hodgson, Kenny Dalglish and Alan Kennedy looked to have given Liverpool complete control, but European champions Villa hit back through Gary Shaw and Peter Withe before half-time. Ian Rush scored Liverpool's fourth goal late in the match.

Liverpool now have 40 points from 19 games. Manchester United and Nottingham

Forest are their leading challengers. Both have 35 points from 19 outings.

United were held to a 0-0 draw at Swansea, while Steve Hodge's goal after only 22 seconds gave Forest a 1-0 win at Norwich, but there were plenty of goals elsewhere in the First Division. Everton cracked five goals without reply at home to Luton Town, while Southampton crushed West Bromwich Albion 4-1 at the Dell.

Adrian Heath scored twice for Everton, whose other goals came from John Bailey, Kevin Sheedy and Terry Curran.

Danny Wallace gave Southampton a 12th minute lead against West Bromwich, and David Armstrong, Steve Moran and David

Puckett scored after Cyrille Regis had equalized.

Gary Rowell hit a hat-trick as Sunderland gained a 3-0 triumph over Arsenal. Rowell was on target in the ninth, 63rd and 77th minutes.

England international Gary Mabbutt, playing as a striker in the absence of Steve Archibald, scored both Tottenham's goals in the 2-1 win over Birmingham City at White Hart Lane, while Coventry's Mark Hateley netted in each half to guide his team to a 2-0 victory over Stoke City.

Andy Ritchie's 50th minute goal earned Brighton a valuable 1-1 draw at Manchester City after the home team led through Kevin

Bond, while Watford produced a powerhouse first half performance to down Ipswich 2-1.

Ross Jenkins and Les Taylor both struck in the first period as Watford ended a two-game losing streak. Paul Mariner got a consolidation goal for Ipswich.

Alan Dickens, 18, celebrated his West Ham debut by scoring after just six minutes and the Hammers went on to win 2-1 at Notts County.

David Hunt's own goal gave the visitors a 2-0 lead after 15 minutes and Nigel Worthington's 73rd minute response was not enough.

Danish international Alar Simonsen maintained his record of having scored in every game for Charlton Athletic. Simonsen scored the first goal — his fourth for the club — as Charlton beat Barnsley 3-2.

West Ham, without a win in their previous seven away games, gained a psychological boost with the victory over Notts County. The teams meet again next Tuesday night in a League Cup replay. Alan Dickens, 18, celebrated his debut with a goal after six minutes and a David Hunt own goal made it 2-0 nine minutes later. Nigel Worthington pulled a goal back in the 73rd minute and county debutant Justin Fashanu had a late effort disallowed for offside.

Watford recovered from two successive defeats to outclass ponderous Ipswich in the first half.

English Soccer results

English Division One		
Aston Villa	2	Liverpool 4
Coventry	2	Stoke 2
Everton	5	Luton 0
Manchester City	1	Brighton 1
Norwich	0	Nottingham Forest 1
Notts County	1	West Ham 2
Southampton	4	West Bromwich 1
Sunderland	3	Arsenal 0
Swansea	0	Manchester United 0
Tottenham	2	Birmingham 1
Watford	2	Ipswich 1

Division Two		
Blackburn	3	Rotherham 0
Carlisle	3	Fulham 2
Carlton	3	Barnsley 1
Chelsea	2	Bolton 1
Derby	1	Croydon Palace 1
Grimsby	3	Burnley 2
Leeds	1	Sheff Wednesday 1

Division Three		
Brentford	4	Exeter 0
Bristol	4	Wrexham 0
Chesterfield	2	Portsmouth 1
Doncaster	2	Millwall 1
Lincoln	9	Bournemouth 1
Newport	1	Walsall 1
Plymouth	2	Gillingham 0
Reading	1	Huddersfield 1
Wigan	0	Oxford 2
Southend United	2	Cardiff 1
Orient	2	Preston 1

Division Four		
Blackpool	3	Scunthorpe 1
Bury	2	Bristol 2
Chesham	0	York 1
Hereford	1	Northampton 1

Port Vale		
1	Wimbledon	0
2	Reading	1
3	Swindon	0
4	Hartlepool	0
5	Stockport	0
6	Hull	0
7	Tranmere	2
8	Manfield	1

Scottish Premier Division		
1	Aberdeen	2
2	Dundee	2
3	Dundee United	2
4	Hibernian	1
5	St. Mirren	0

Scottish F.A. Cup		
1	Forfar Athletic	5
2	East Stirling	0
3	Stranraer	0

Division One		
1	St. Johnstone	3
2	Clydebank	1

Soccer tid-bits

Ardiles to strengthen Tottenham

PARIS, Dec. 18 (AFP) — Fans of English First Division football giants Tottenham Hotspurs are to get a festive present — the return of their South American midfield general Oswaldo Ardiles from French Club Paris St. Germain.

Paris St. Germain president Francis Borelli confirmed Saturday after talks with Tottenham officials that Ardiles would be returning to the London club.

Ardiles joined Paris St. Germain in July at the time of the Falklands conflict.

Yugoslav frontman Sasek Susic arrived in the French capital on Wednesday to join Paris St. Germain, who already have Dutch striker Kees Kist in their line-up. With Ardiles, Sasek's arrival would have meant that the French side had three foreign internationals on their books. Only two are permitted to play for the club in a French League

match.

Regis likely to move

Meanwhile, Cyrille Regis looks like becoming the next big-name British soccer player to join a foreign club.

The 26-year-old England shooting star will become a free agent next summer when his contract with West Bromwich expires. Already Real Madrid, Barcelona and big Italian clubs are watching him.

Regis, valued at 750,000 pounds on the British transfer market, is keen to collect the maximum rewards from a footballer's brief career at the top of his profession. He also feels hurt about being excluded from England's last two international squads.

Moving to a major continental team might satisfy both ambitions, Tony Woodcock and Kevin Keegan have shown it is possible to continue an international career after going abroad.

Joining a leading side in Spain or Italy could bring Regis a large signing on bonus, as well as doubling his present 650 pounds a week salary.

Albion will try their hardest to cling onto their most prized possession, but they cannot compete on financial terms with their wealthy European rivals.

Regis, whose 17 goals saved West Bromwich from relegation to the Second Division last season, refuses to discuss his future plans. But he told the *Daily Mirror*: "I have had no serious talks yet with the management concerning a new contract."

Hamburg surprised

In Berlin, league champions S.V. Hamburg suffered a surprise defeat at the hands of Hertha BSC, Berlin when they went down 2-1 in the West German Cup. The sides were level 1-1 at half-time, but a second half goal saw Hertha safely into the last eight.



Ossie Ardiles... back to England

Aussie rugby side keeps clean slate

NARBONNE, Dec. 18 (AFP) — Australia beat France 23-9 in the Second Rugby League Test here Saturday. Half-time score was 10-7.

Australia's win meant they finished unbeaten on their hectic tour of Britain and France, winning 22 in a row, including five Test matches.

Watched by an unappreciative crowd of 6,000, however, the Kangaroos looked below their best in the first half when, with a strong wind at their backs they reached the break only 10-7 up.

But in the second-half as so often on this memorable tour, the Australians' superior fitness and sheer physical strength compelled the difference against willing opponents. The Australians scored five tries through Meninga (5), Grothe (34 and 48), Reddy (43) and Kenny (68). Meninga, the burly Brisbane policeman added three conversions (34, 43 and 68) and one penalty (11). The French scored one try through scrum-half Gresseque (28) with Kaminski converting and adding two penalties (15 and 79).

The French were without, Henri Daniel, who suffered a sprained wrist when he captained the Catalan side which lost 53-2 to the Rampant Australians at Perpignan.

His loss was the second set-back for the French selectors, following the disqualification of winger Didier Bernadi, who has now failed to purge his suspension because of the postponement of a French Club match.

Gottfried sweeps Borg off his feet

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Florida, Dec. 18 (AP) — American Brian Gottfried shocked Bjorn Borg 6-1, 6-3 to move into the semifinals of the \$300,000 Nastase-Hampton Invitational Tennis Tournament.

Gottfried will meet Switzerland's Heinz Gunthard in a 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 quarterfinal winner over American Jimmy Arias. In Saturday's first semifinal at the Hamptons Country Club.

In late night matches, American Brian Teacher defeated Vince Van Patten also of the U.S. 6-3, 6-1 while Jimmy Connors beat Shlomo Glickstein 6-2, 6-3.

Gottfried charged to a 5-0 lead in the first set before Borg could hold service. He then closed out the set with his driving serve.

Gottfried broke the five-time Wimbledon champion's serve to go up 3-1 in the second set and broke him again at 5-3 to win the match. "I play some good matches and some not so good," said Borg who committed numerous unforced errors. "Today, I was never in the match. I have to improve, plus Brian played very well. I need to be more consistent."

Meanwhile, the New South Wales men's Open final at White City Sunday will, for the first time in seven years, feature an all-Australian clash.

The Australian doubles champions, John Alexander and John Fitzgerald will meet for the \$20,000 first prize cheque in this \$125,000 tournament.

Fitzgerald unseeded the defending champ-

ion American Tim Wilkison in the semifinal. He won 6-3, 6-2 to end the eighth seeded Wilkison hopes of winning a third title.

Alexander gained a revenge win over American Sammy Giammalvo in the other semifinal. The 31-year-old Alexander seeded five also won 6-3, 6-2.

Alexander, ranked 34 in the world, was three times taken to three sets decision on his way to the final. But Saturday he was in top form. He showed that a dream could come true for him Sunday — his first ever major Australian Championship.

Alexander was in the final here three years ago and lost to another doubles partner, Phil Dent, after leading two sets to nil.

Fitzgerald, the 21-year-old from the outback South Australian town of Cockle Creek, 450 miles west of the capital, Adelaide, has not dropped a set in reaching the final.

Chris, Tracy sail into semis

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Dec. 18 (AP) — Defending champion Tracy Austin upset third-seeded Andrea Jaeger 6-4, 6-4 Friday night to advance into the semifinals of the \$300,000 Toyota Tennis Championships.

Chris Evert Lloyd, seeded second, eliminated Pam Shriver 6-2, 6-3 and will meet Austin in the opening semifinal Saturday. The second match will send top-seeded Martina Navratilova against Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia, who was seeded fourth in this select 12-woman field.

Austin broke Jaeger's serve in the second game of the opening set, finally succeeding on the seventh break point, and went up 3-0. But Jaeger broke back in the seventh game, another long game that went 10 points.

In the ninth game, Jaeger had a love-40

Gross splashes to new world mark

GOTEBORG, Sweden, Dec. 18 (AP) — Michael Gross of West Germany and Vladimir Salnikov of the Soviet Union set world short-course records as the European Cup swim finals started here Saturday.

Gross clocked 1 minute 56.18 seconds in the 200-meter butterfly final to improve his own world best time set last week. Sergei Fesenko of the Soviet Union was runnerup in 1:57.59. Salnikov, the king of freestyle swimming bettered his own 400 meters mark by almost two seconds.

The Soviet Union topped the men's stand-

lead, but Austin won nine of the next 10 points to hold serve, then broke her 17-year-old opponent in the 10th game to grab the opening set.

The two traded service breaks in the sixth and seventh games. Then, for the second straight game, Austin broke her opponent in the 10th game.

Lloyd reeled off the first four games as Shriver committed a bundle of unforced errors and won only three points. Ranked No. 2 in the world and fresh from her triumph in the Australian Open, Lloyd served out the first set, which took only 33 minutes.

Shriver lost her serve at love to begin the second set, but broke right back, again at love, to even the set. But she couldn't hold her serve and Lloyd took a 2-1 edge as unforced errors against bedeviled Shriver.

ing with 146 points going into the concluding events. East Germany was second with 125, and West Germany third with 121. East Germany led the women's standings with 105 points, just six ahead of host nation Sweden. The Soviet Union was third with 98.

In the final event Saturday, the Soviet Union set a new world's best time of 3:39.82 in the men's 400 medley relay. The Soviet quartet included Vladimir Shepelov, Robertas Yola, Alexander Markovsky and Sergei Krasink. East Germany was a distant second in 3:43.23, ahead of West Germany.

BRIEFS

STRASBOURG, France, (AFP) — China notched up a double triumph on the first day of the French Open Table Tennis Championships by winning both the men's and women's team events without dropping a set. In the men's final they defeated Sweden 3-0 while in the women's final against the Soviet Union the Chinese did not concede a set.

VAL GARDENA, Italy, (AFP) — The men's Alpine Skiing World Cup Downhill scheduled to take place here Saturday was cancelled after fog, which put back the start this morning, gave way to heavy snow-falls this afternoon. The downhill had already been postponed from its original schedule at Val d'Isere in France last week.

FERTH, (AFP) — Ace fast bowler Dennis Lillee made a bold bid for a recall to the

Australian Test cricket side. The 33-year-old captured four wickets for 61 for West Australia against South Australia on the opening day of the Sheffield Shield game at the WACA ground here.

BAGUIO CITY, Philippines, (AFP) — Late comer Rafiq-ul Islam of Bangladesh created a mild sensation when he immediately drew his first match Thursday night and went on to win his second game Friday morning at the sixth Asian Junior Chess Championship in this mountain resort city.

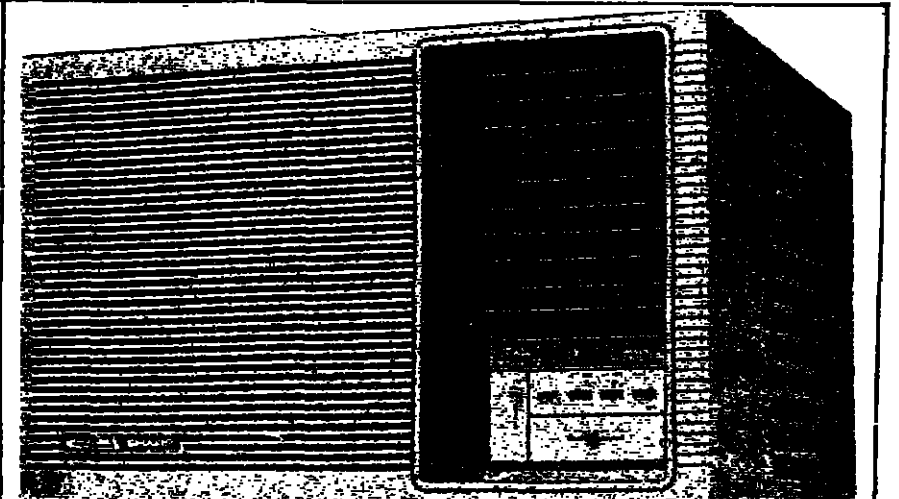
SEOUL, (AFP) — Oriental-Pacific Boxing Federation (OPBF) welterweight champion Hwang Joon-suk of South Korea will fight American Donald Curry on Feb. 13 for the World Boxing Association (WBA) welterweight title, Hwang's manager announced Saturday.

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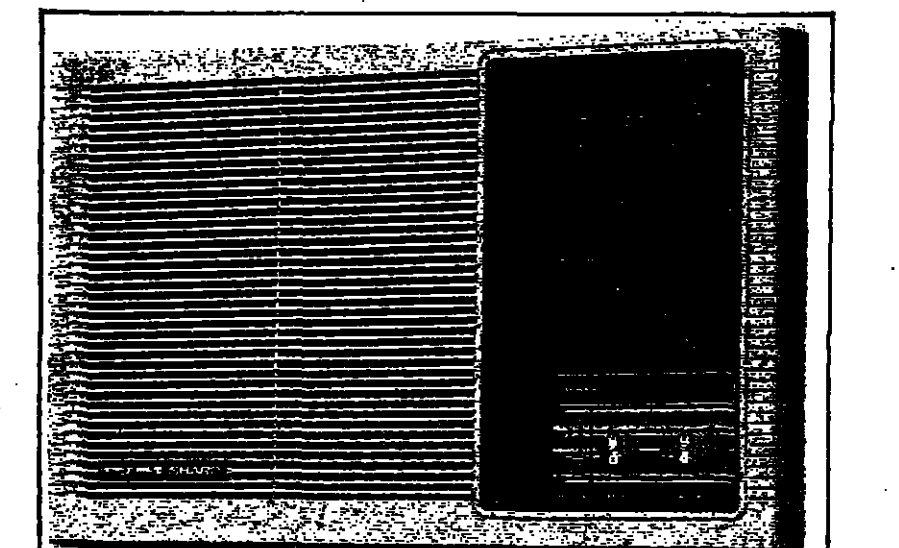
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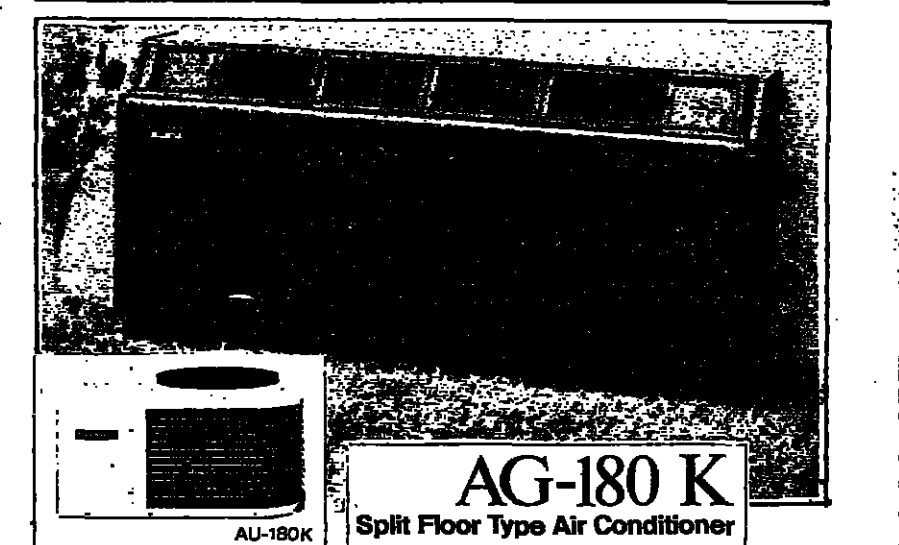
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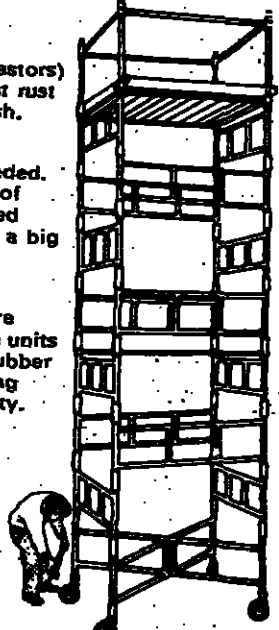
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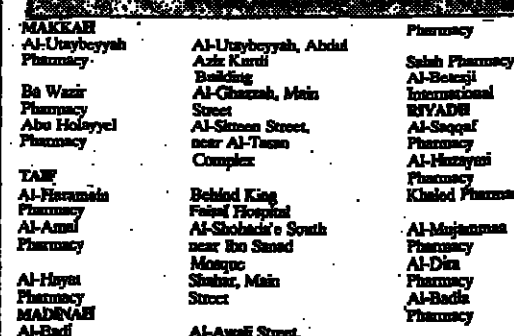
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Soviets warn to break off talks if NATO deploys Euromissiles

BONN, Dec. 18 (AFP) — The Soviet Union has warned that it will break off Euromissile negotiations with the United States if the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) goes ahead with plans next year to deploy U.S. Pershing and Cruise rockets in several Western European countries.

The warning, seen here as an effort to put pressure on the government of West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, was voiced by two Soviet officials in an interview appearing Saturday in the magazine *Sueddeutsche Zeitung*.

The interview also appeared exactly one month before the visit here of Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. One of the officials quoted, Gen. Nicolai Tschervov, said the Soviet Union would be forced to take "countermeasures" if the U.S. weapons were installed.

NATO has decided to deploy 572 Pershing and Cruise missiles in Western Europe beginning in December, 1983 if current Geneva-based talks with the Soviet Union on limiting the numbers of such weapons are not successful.

"The deployment of new arms by the Atlantic alliance would create an entirely new situation and would lead us to reconsider our position," said Valentin Falin, a former Soviet ambassador to Bonn and currently assistant director of the international information section of the Soviet Communist Party's central committee. Falin said the NATO move "will create a situation that will make it impossible to continue the Geneva negotiations."

In the same interview, Gen. Tschervov said the West "is deceiving itself" if it thinks it can install the missiles "while continuing to negotiate. The deployment would upset the balance that currently exists between the two

Carstens to decide on poll next month

BONN, Dec. 18 (R) — West German President Karl Carstens said Saturday he would decide in the first week of January whether to dissolve parliament and call early general elections as Chancellor Helmut Kohl has requested.

But Carstens gave no indication whether he would accede to the request, submitted formally Friday after Kohl intentionally lost a vote of confidence in the Bundestag (lower house).

"I will decide on the request to dissolve the Bundestag in the New Year, in the first week of January," Carstens told the mass circulation *Bild am Sonntag* newspaper in an interview released ahead of publication Sunday.

The president has until Jan. 7 to decide. Political sources have said he will agree to a dissolution, despite serious doubts about the constitutionality of a contrived vote of confidence. Kohl's center-right coalition government faces its first major test of public opinion Sunday when 1.2 million voters in the city-state of Hamburg elect a new assembly.

superpowers and would oblige the Soviet Union to take countermeasures."

The warning was believed to carry additional significance as it comes at the start of a political campaign here in which the question of the NATO missiles — some of which are scheduled to be located in West Germany — is likely to figure prominently. West Germans will go to the polls in general elections March 6.

"Bonn has developed a taste for political independence," said Falin, "and we in Moscow hope it will continue in the future." Falin was alluding to Soviet hopes that West Germany will ultimately refuse to accept NATO

missiles on its territory, a position already taken by the Social Democratic Party of former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

The party has just published its electoral program for the March elections, committing itself "to doing all it can within its power" to prevent deployment of the U.S. missiles.

"We were expecting a new Soviet offensive during the campaign to try to force Chancellor Kohl to reconsider his position — which is in total accord with Washington," a senior West German official told AFP. "The fact that Gromyko is coming to Bonn before the elections March 1 well illustrate the Soviet desire to do everything it can to divide the allies."



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Paris alerted Vatican about plot to kill pope

PARIS, Dec. 18 (Agencies) — The French secret service warned the Vatican three weeks before Pope John Paul was shot last year of a plan to kill him, a former head of the service said in an interview published Saturday.

Alexandre de Marenches told the French daily *Le Figaro* he had been worried for a long time about a possible attack on the pontiff, who was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square in May, 1981.

Three weeks before the shooting, De Marenches said, he had heard during a visit to Morocco from carefully checked sources that an attack might still be carried out. "I personally warned the papal nuncio, of the mortal danger the pope was facing. The nuncio of course, alerted the Vatican," he said.

According to a French tabloid, two ranking officials of the French intelligence service went to the Vatican three weeks before Pope John Paul II was shot last year to warn about

an impending attack against him.

The tabloid *Le Quotidien de Paris* said that "around April 20 (1981), Alexandre de Marenches sent two of his closest aides to the Vatican to warn about the danger." It said the two officers were discreetly received at the Vatican where they delivered the information.

"The information was explosive because it directly spoke about a foreign power," *Le Quotidien* said.

Moscow denies involvement

MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (R) — The Soviet Union Saturday strongly denied any involvement in the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II last year with an official statement condemning speculation about an East European role.

The statement, first issued by Tass news agency Friday night, said "absurd insinuations" were being spread in the West that some Communist states were behind the shooting in May 1981, and that this amounted to a "campaign steeped in lies."

The statement printed in *Pravda* and other Moscow dailies and then issued twice more

on Tass, was the first Soviet comment on allegations that Bulgaria and the Soviet KGB security police may have organized the attempt on the pope's life.

By repeating the angrily-worded statement, Moscow also indicated its sensitivity in the subject. Soviet leader Yuri Andropov was KGB chief at the time of the shooting and diplomats said a sharp Soviet reaction to the allegations was inevitable as his reputation was indirectly involved.

The statement also hinted at Kremlin concern about a possible reaction in Poland.

Flameout scares jet passengers

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP) — Passengers aboard a domestic American jetliner were panicked by a burst of flame from a jet engine and forced the pilot to taxi back to the airport gate, authorities said.

Police said many of the 260 passengers aboard Eastern Airlines flight 757 to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, began yelling, running and banging on the cockpit door to get the pilot to turn back after they saw the "flame-out" Friday night. A flameout is a burning burst of fuel similar to a car's backfire.

The aircraft, an L-1011, was taxiing to the

runway at Laguardia Airport when the passengers started screaming for the pilot to turn back. It had already been delayed three hours because of brake problems.

A flameout would not have hindered take-off, police said, but the passengers feared a fire had broken out. After the plane arrived back at the terminal, the passengers were told what had happened and many returned to the aircraft. Others chose to take later flights. There were no injuries, police said.

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Dublin	-1	27	1	34	clear
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Lisbon	12	54	14	57	rain
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Rio de Janeiro	34	93	32	72	cloudy
Rome	9	48	15	59	rain
San Francisco	12	54	15	59	clear
Seoul	-10	14	-2	28	clear
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Vienna	6	43	8	46	cloudy

Facing up to the Russians

Allies' stand said reassuring Shultz

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AFP) — American Secretary of State George Shultz Saturday wound up a 48-hour visit to Britain, and a seven-nation European tour, reassured by the determination of Washington's Atlantic allies to stand up to the Soviet Union, a U.S. source reported.

Shultz visited Bonn, Brussels, the Hague, Rome, Paris and Madrid before arriving here Thursday.

He was said to be particularly satisfied with the "realistic" analysis of Soviet intentions, notably on armaments, of the European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) — as 1983 draws near and the scheduled deployment of 572 U.S. nuclear missiles in Europe. The secretary

appreciated this realism in the face of increasing fears in Europe about the missiles.

In Britain, where the pacifist movement is rapidly gathering strength, Shultz told a press conference that he understood the concern many people felt over the missiles, but that the worst thing would be to allow defenses to weaken, if the peoples of Europe were faced with aggression.

An American source said that Shultz's 90-minute conversation with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had convinced him that she strongly favored increasing defense expenditure.

However the secretary did not manage to dispel unease here, largely but not only in the opposition, about the degree of control Lon-

don will have over the 160 medium-range missiles to be deployed in Britain. The Labor opposition is hostile to the deployment and has demanded that the British government should at least have a say in any decision to fire them.

Shultz was somewhat evasive on this, saying that the matter came under the jurisdiction of the NATO and Washington-London bilateral agreements. The British government announced that as far as it was concerned, the use of the missiles "will depend on a joint decision in Washington and London in the light of actual circumstances."

Mrs. Thatcher based this view on 1951 agreement last renewed in 1979, when NATO decided to deploy the missiles. On the Middle East, U.S. sources said that Mrs. Thatcher had firmly backed the presence of the U.S.-French-Italian buffer force in Lebanon, but had not replied yet to a Beirut request that London contribute to an increase in the strength of the force.

Shultz told U.S. journalists here that it was clear that foreign — mainly Israeli and Syrian — forces would not be evacuated from Lebanon before the end of the year and expressed some disappointment with Israel's attitude.

Nothing was made public on Mrs. Thatcher's exchanges with Shultz on the Falklands and relations with Latin America. Before flying home, Shultz was to address some 50 U.S. ambassadors in East and West European capitals and to various international organizations, notably NATO and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Guatemala may bow to kidnappers

GUATEMALA CITY, Dec. 18 (AP) — The Guatemalan government held open the possibility through most of Friday that it would accede to a propaganda demand by kidnappers of the Honduran president's daughter.

A spokesman, who asked anonymity for security reasons, said early Friday morning "it will be a few hours" before the government would make a decision on whether to comply.

The kidnappers — presumed to be leftist guerrillas — said the life of Judith Xiomara Suazo Estrada, a 33-year-old physician, "will be in danger" unless the government agrees by 10 p.m. local time (0400 GMT) to publish a political manifesto in Mexican and Central American newspapers.

Under state-of-siege regulations, in force in Guatemala and El Salvador because of the leftist rebellions, newspapers are forbidden by law to publish guerrilla manifestos without permission from local authorities.

Interior Minister Col. Ricardo Mendez Ruiz has said he believes the kidnappers belong to a "Communist" guerrilla group, probably one of four that have been fighting for power in Guatemala during the past five years.

Kidnapping has been a common tactic in Guatemala, both by leftist guerrillas and by rightist death-squads that hunted down suspected leftists until Gen. Efraim Rios Montt abolished them soon after he seized power in a coup last March.

Rios Montt has said many times his government would not negotiate with rebels or accede to their demands.

But Foreign Minister Eduardo Castillo Arriola told reporters an exception may be made in this case. "The case of Dr. Suazo Estrada is special, since it involves the daughter of the leader of Honduras," he said.

Indian riots spread

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18 (AFP) — Hindu-Muslim riots spread to yet another town in the northwest Indian coastal state of Gujarat Saturday, forcing authorities to restrict public gatherings and ask for police reinforcements.

Indian news agencies reported clashes in Padra town, 20 kilometers from the riot-torn city of Baroda, where at least 13 persons died and over 150 were wounded in rioting since Monday. Authorities banned carrying weapons and public gatherings of more than five persons in the city, the United News of India (UNI) news agency said.

Mobs broke open shops in Padra; looted them and set them on fire late Friday night. Policemen who rushed to stop the violence were attacked with stones and bottles, the agency said. Police opened fire in self-defense. UNI said quoting a police spokesman in the state capital Ahmedabad: "Additional police contingents were rushed to the areas, the agency said, adding that the situation there was 'under control'."

In Baroda, more people were arrested Saturday bringing the number of arrests since Monday to 160. Tension was still evident in the affected areas despite army patrolling, a Press Trust of India (PTI) report said. The city is still under an indefinite curfew, which was lifted for three hours Friday until a stabbing took place.

Baroda has been the scene of rioting twice in as many months.

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